

## 12: Overview of nanomanufacturing processes: top-down vs. bottom-up

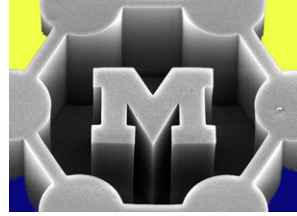
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# Announcements

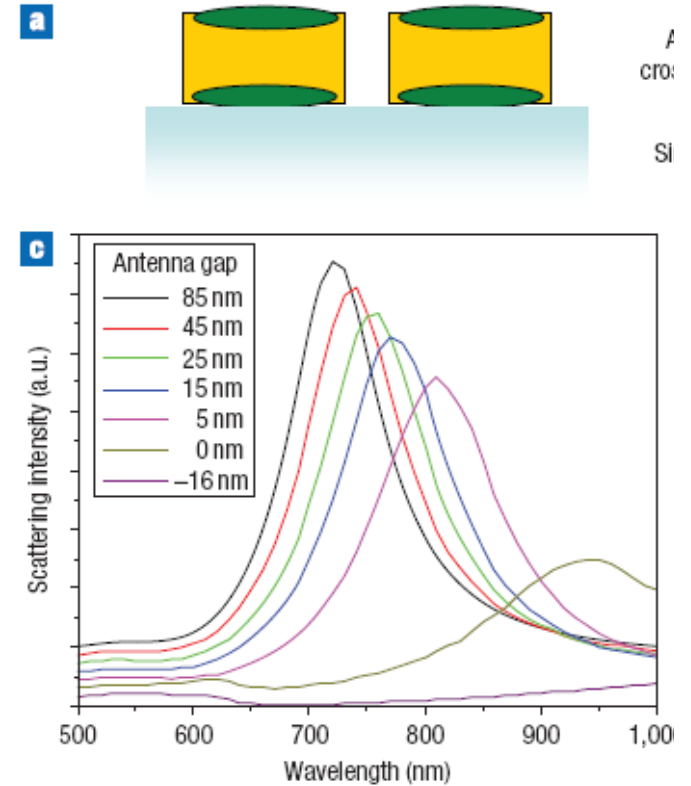
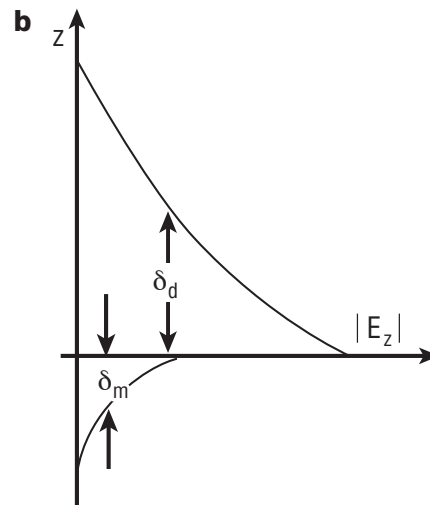
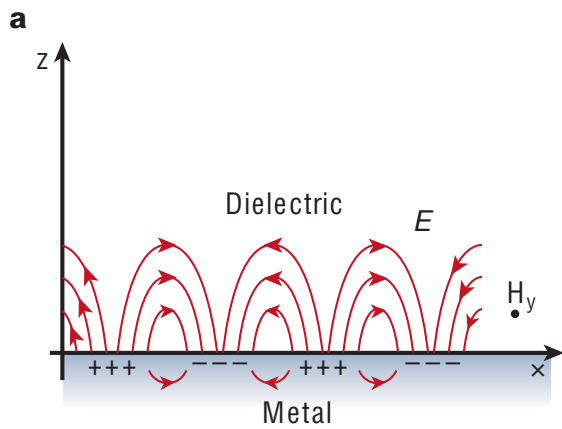
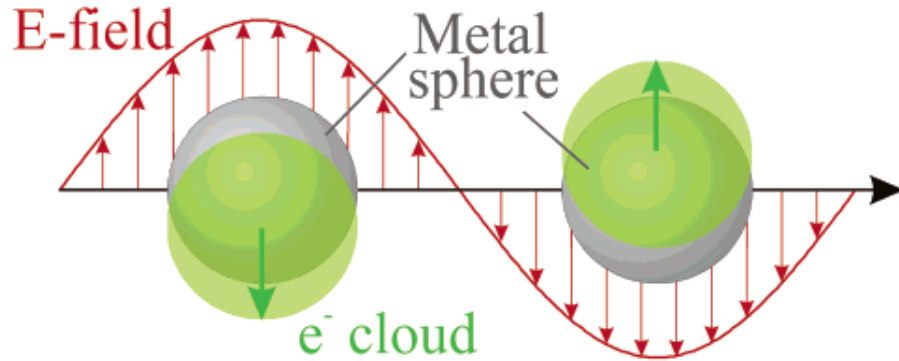


- I think everyone signed up for the video assignment
- See revised syllabus
  - Lectures, upcoming assignments and exam
- See project description
  - Compatibility/conflicts with your research
  - Overlap with other course projects
- PS3 to be posted by next Monday
- Expectations for exam(s)
  - Lecture content
  - HW assignments and concepts therein

# Recap: surface plasmon resonance (SPR)



- Electromagnetic charge density waves; surface plasmon resonance (SPR) occurs when a resonance of the charge density wave matches the frequency of the driving field



# Course outline

0: Introduction to nanotechnology

1: Properties of nanostructures (“building blocks”)

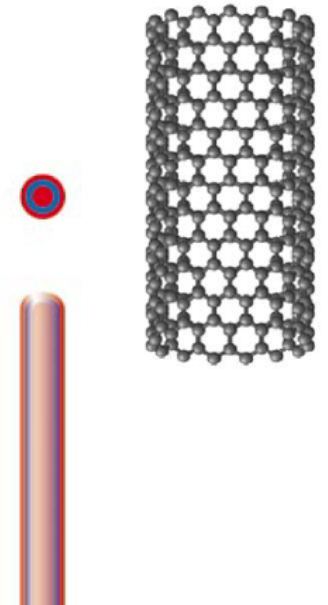
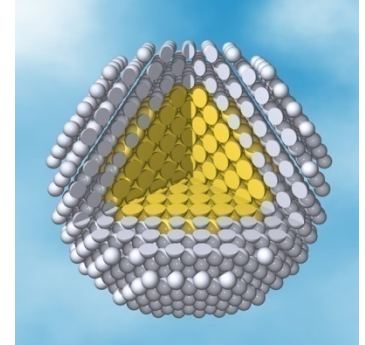
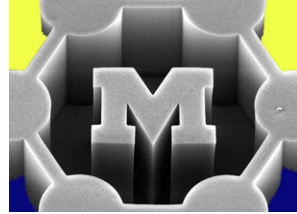
2: Interactions among nanostructures

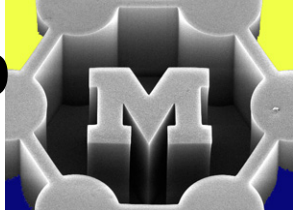
3: Synthesis of nanostructures

4: Assembly of nanostructures and property scaling

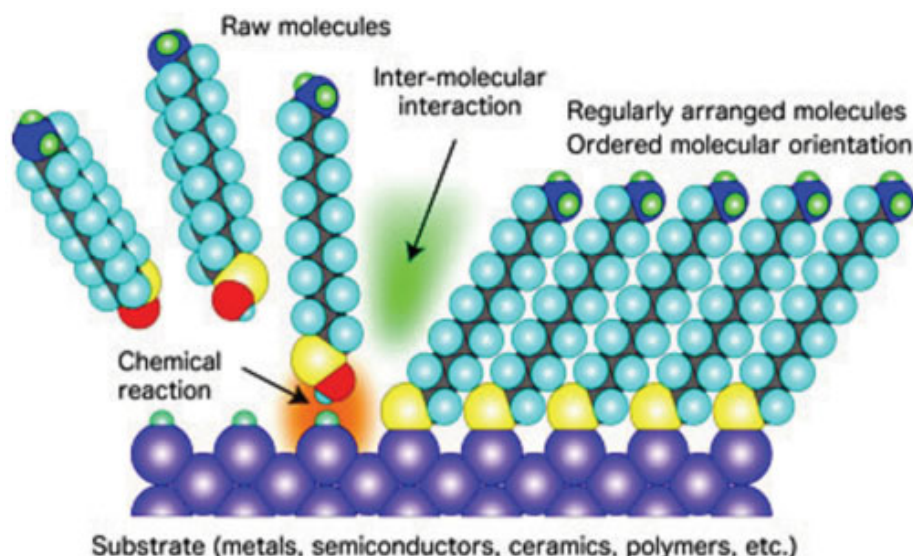
5: Case studies and project presentations

→ a **manufacturing** project





# Nanomanufacturing: top-down vs. bottom-up



→ In coming lectures, we will focus on bottom-up methods, and we will emphasize their *integration* with top-down methods

→ Rigorously question the limitations of these methods for **true nanomanufacturing**

# Nanomanufacturing Process Needs

**Fabrication Techniques**

**Modeling and Control**

Embedded Sensors

Modeling and Simulation (M&S) Tools

Remote Manufacturing

Automation

Automatic Comparison to M&S Data

Automation with Self-calibration and Adjustment

Accurate Modeling at nm scale

**Economics**

- Cost
- EHS
- High Throughput

International Standards

Interfaces to Micro and Macro

Identification of New Measurement Parameters

Whole System Scale-up

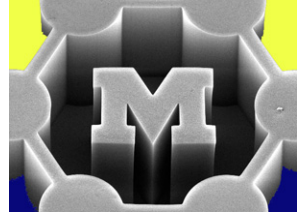
**Metrology**

Calibration Tools Nano-characterization

Rapid Characterization of 3D structures

**Nanostructures into Devices / systems**

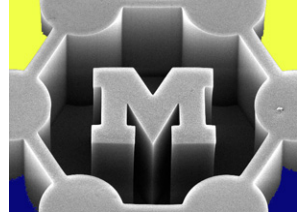
# Today's readings



## Nominal: (ctools)

- “Fabrication methods”, excerpt from Introduction to Nanoscience
  - read as a survey
- DARPA TBN BAA, pages 1-10

# DARPA tip-based nanofabrication (TBN)



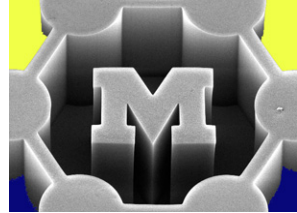
- “The primary goal is to develop the capability to fabricate nanostructures, such as nanowires, nanotubes, and quantum dots with nanometer-scale control over the size, orientation, and position of each nanostructure. With this capability, real technologies based on nanowires, nanotubes, and quantum dots, as well as many other nano-scale structures, should be possible for the first time.”

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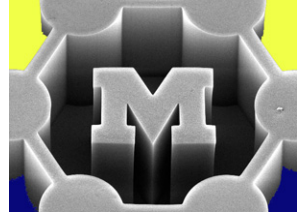


# DARPA TBN program

- “For the purpose of this BAA, **controlled nanomanufacturing** is defined as automated, parallel fabrication of individual nanostructures with control over position, size, shape, and orientation at the nanometer scale, including the ability to fabricate devices with controlled differences in size, shape, and orientation at different positions. This capability should include the ability for in-situ detection of the nanostructure position, size, shape, and orientation, and the ability to repair or re-manufacture structures as needed.”

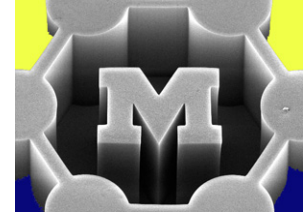


# DARPA TBN program



- “Presently, controlled nanomanufacturing is not possible. There have been numerous demonstrations of the capability to grow, deposit, or manipulate nanostructures in recent years, but these all suffer from significant deficiencies when viewed against the above stated goal.
  - For example, dense, aligned “forests” of carbon nanotubes can be grown, even with pre-growth lithography to define the regions of growth. This technique, however, cannot controllably grow individual nanotubes, or control their orientation or dimensions.
  - There are examples of quantum dot growth from catalyst seeds with the potential to create large arrays with high uniformity. There is no ability, however, for controlled manufacturing of patterned arrays of 2 different quantum dots, and there is no ability to repair the nonuniformity that typically arises from these growth processes.
  - There are examples of methods for capturing, manipulating, and placing individual nanowires into arrangements needed for device construction, but these are very slow, rely on a nearby “cache” of suitable sizes and shapes, and very challenging methods for manipulation, metrology and repair.
  - None of the presently-emerging approaches appear to provide a path to controlled nanomanufacturing.”

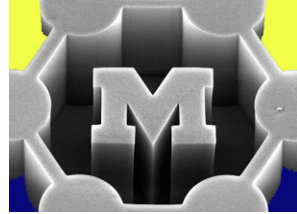
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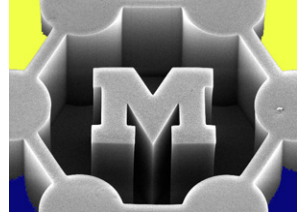
- What are our current capabilities?

# DARPA TBN program



- “...additional features that provide interesting or unexpected advantages in controlled nanomanufacturing
  - provide structure-by-structure control over other characteristics of nanostructures. For example, the chirality of carbon nanotubes...
  - the ability to fabricate structures with controlled variations in other properties, such as conductivity, crystallinity, crystal orientation...
  - methods that require minimal preparation of the substrate; and, approaches which can be carried out on ordinary widely available substrates are preferred over approaches that require unusual materials, crystal orientations, or complicated topographies.
  - approaches which are compatible with the presence of pre-existing structures or devices, such as foundry CMOS.
  - approaches that can minimize the separation between preexisting CMOS and nanomanufactured structures, and is especially interested in approaches that can build interconnects between CMOS and nanostructures.

# “Top-down” methods



- Begin with bulk materials (top) that are subsequently reduced into nanostructures (down) by way of physical, chemical, or mechanical processes.
- Examples
  - Mechanical
    - Milling
    - Extrusion
    - Grinding
  - Thermal/chemical/high-energy
    - Evaporation, sputtering, ablation
    - Reactive/chemical etching
    - Combustion
    - Sonication
  - Patterning methods
    - Optical and physical lithography
    - Tip-based fabrication

# The simplest: ball milling

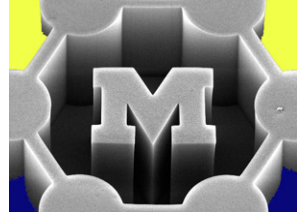
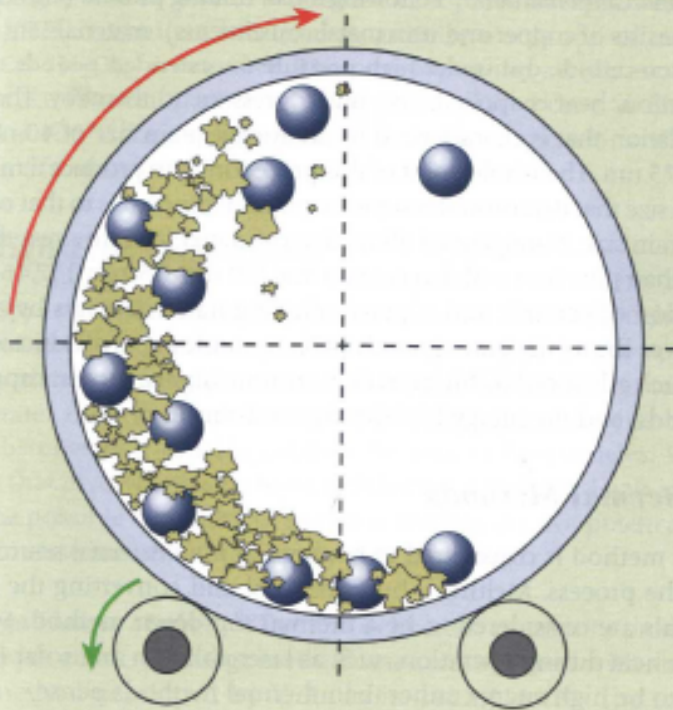
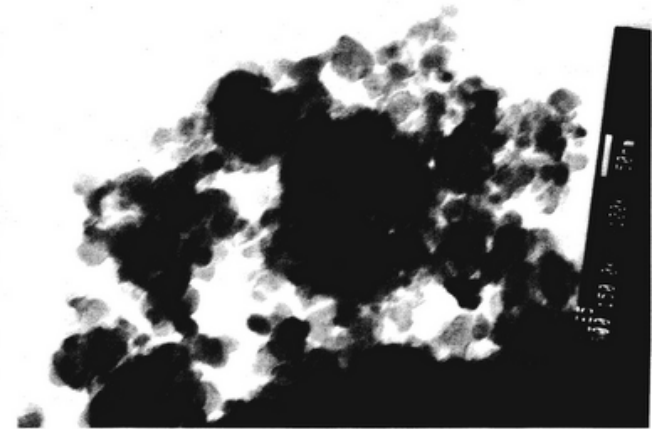
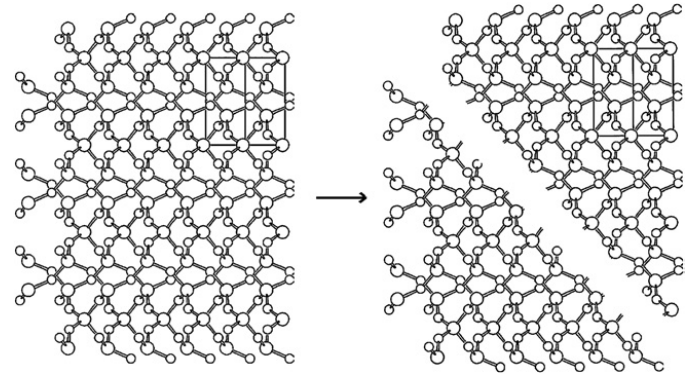


FIG. 4.1

There are two ends of the fabrication spectrum: At one end there is the high-priced lithographic equipment that requires a high-vacuum environment and expensive energy sources. At the other end there is the ball mill—a purely mechanical machine that fabricates nanomaterials by mechanical methods. Kinetic energy from a rotating or vibrating canister is imparted to hard spherical materials like ball bearings. The ball bearings in turn reduce bulk precursor materials into nanoparticles.



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Transmission electron micrograph for 5 hours dry milled zinc ferrite.

- There are many “different” energetics at work here: deformation, bond-breaking, thermal

# Arc discharge production of CNTs

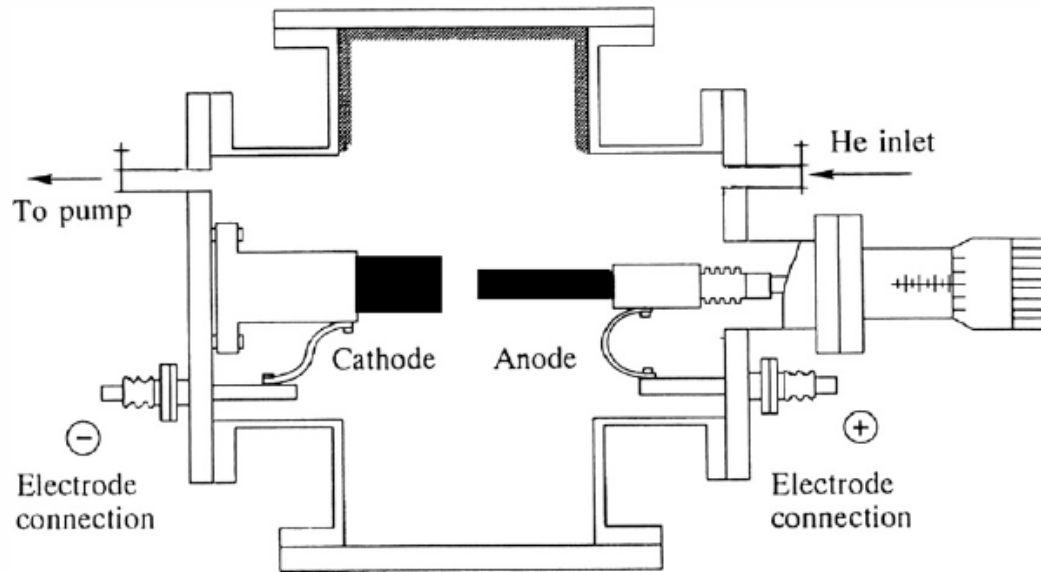
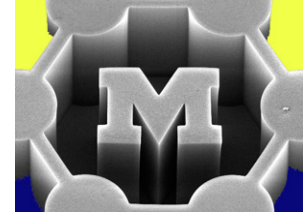
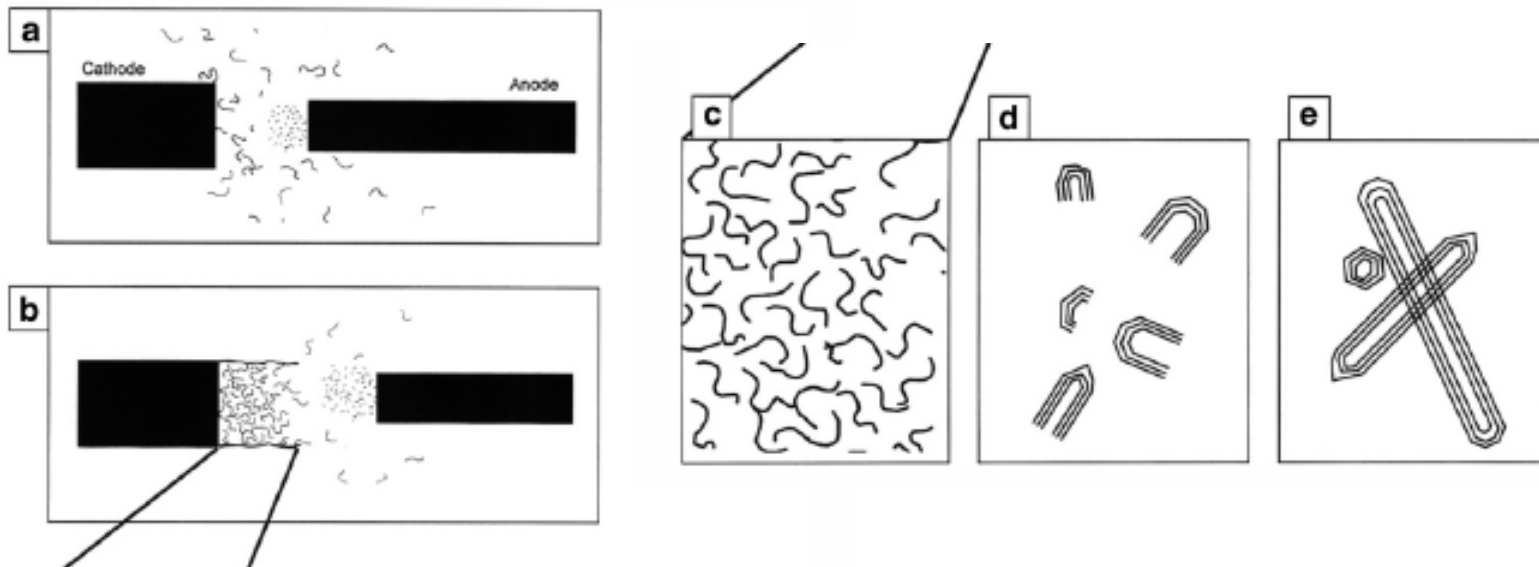


Fig. 1. Diagram of typical arc-evaporation apparatus for the production of nanotubes.



# Laser ablation production of CNTs

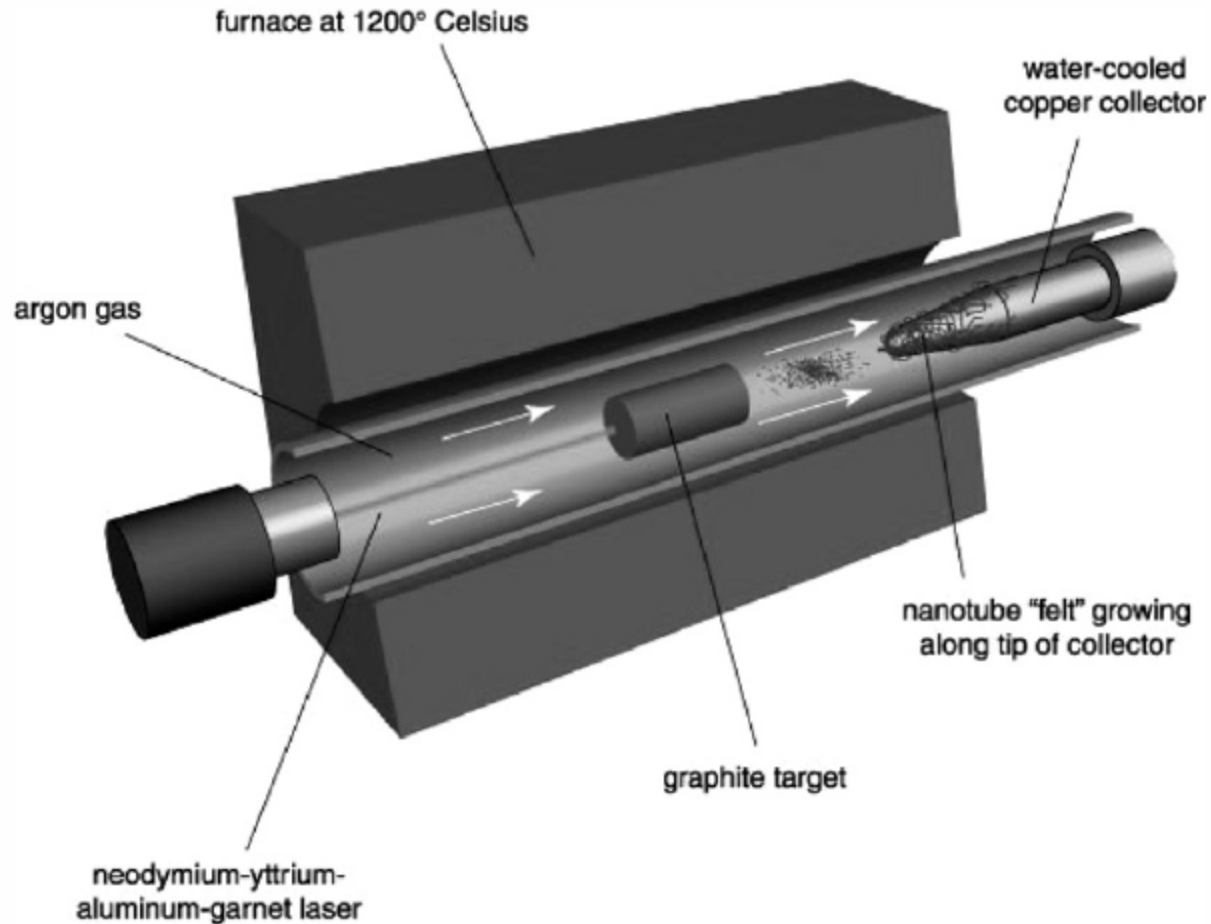
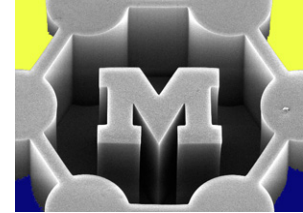
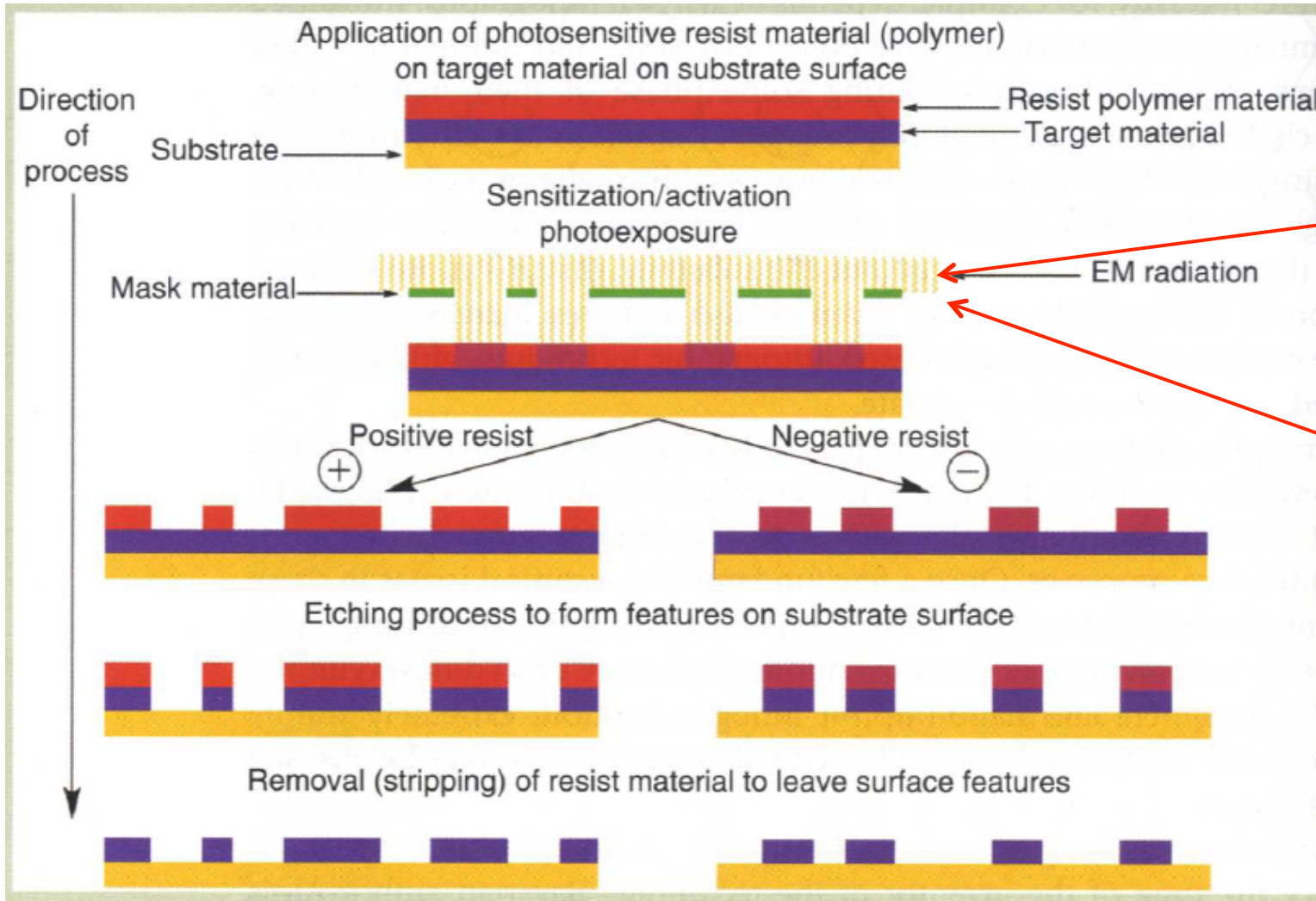
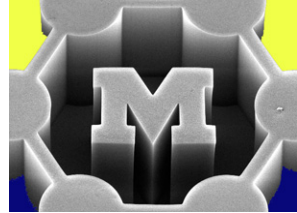


Fig. 5. Oven laser-vaporisation apparatus for the synthesis of single-walled carbon nanotubes [39].

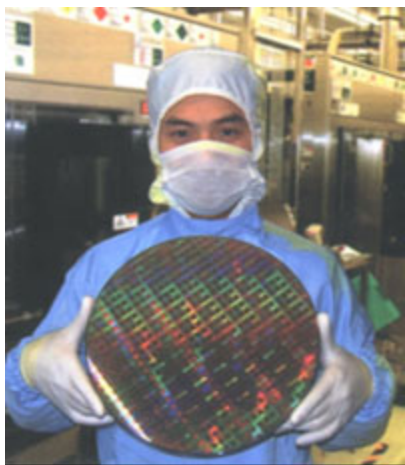
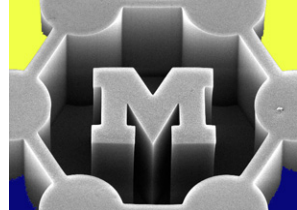


# Lithography

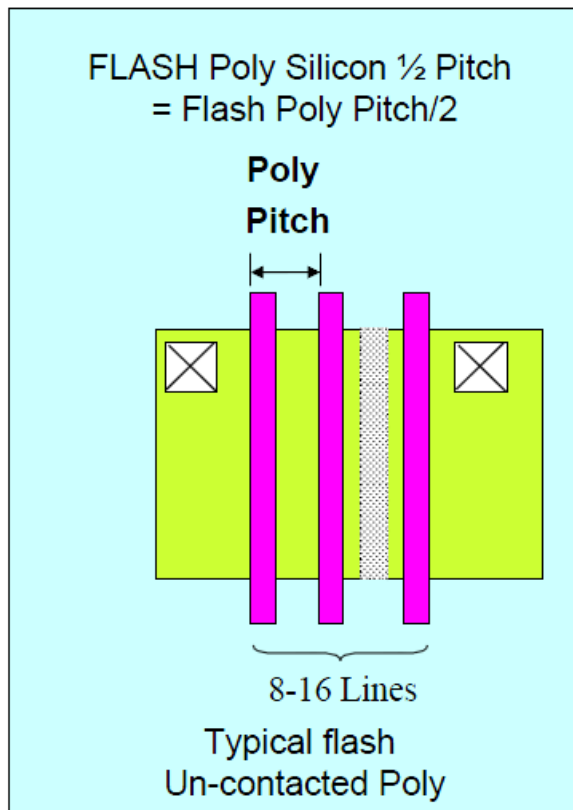


Type of radiation  
(light, UV, X-ray, e-beam)

Mask vs. direct write (serial vs. parallel)

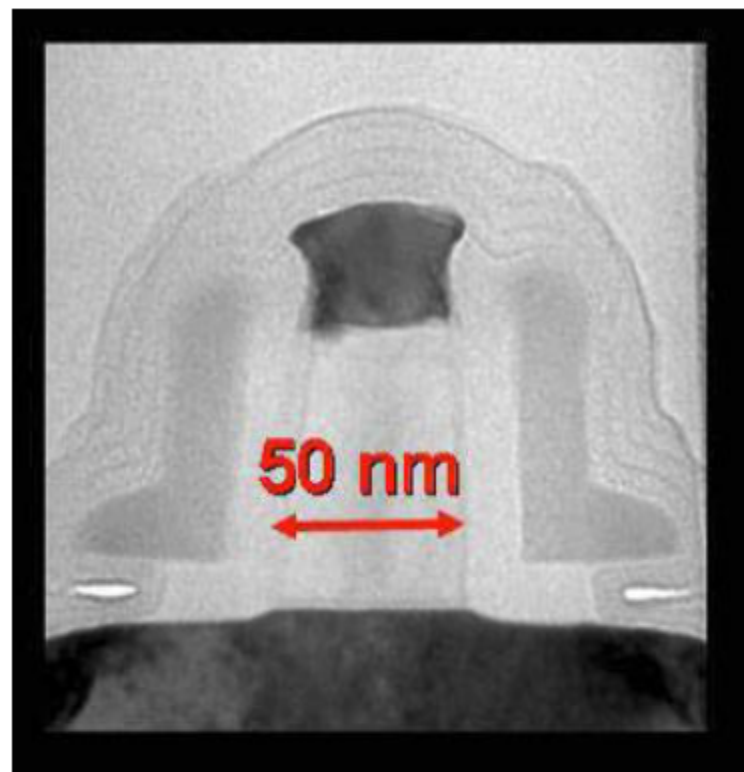


(silicon wafer)



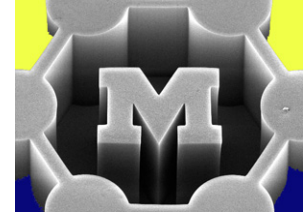
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Work in Progress

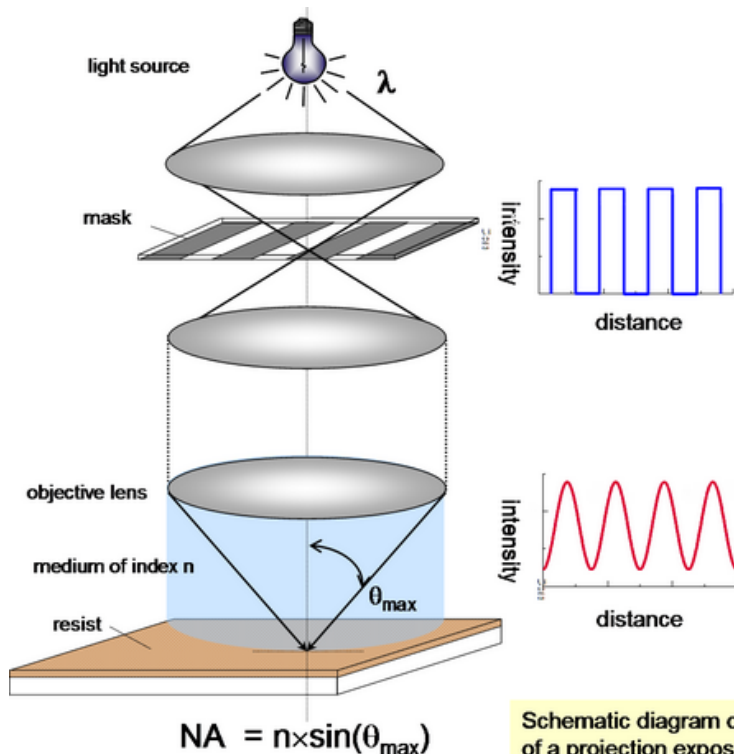


“65 nm” technology

# Immersion lithography



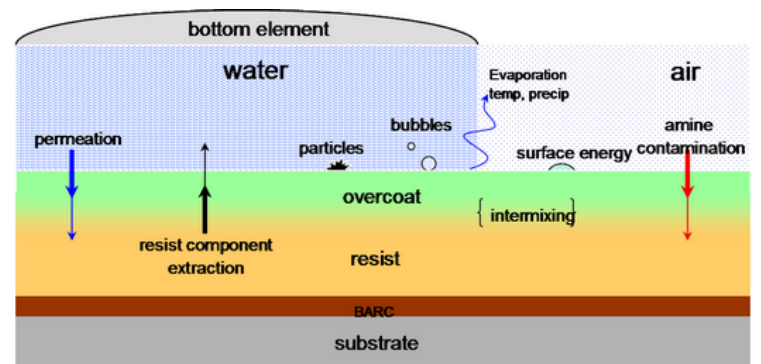
- Enhance resolution by placing a liquid medium between lens and sample
  - Liquid has a high refractive index.
  - Must have low absorption at the chosen wavelength (e.g., 193 nm).
  - Must be compatible with lens and photoresist, and not contaminate.



Schematic diagram of the optics of a projection exposure lithography system

$$W_{\min} = \frac{k\lambda}{NA}$$

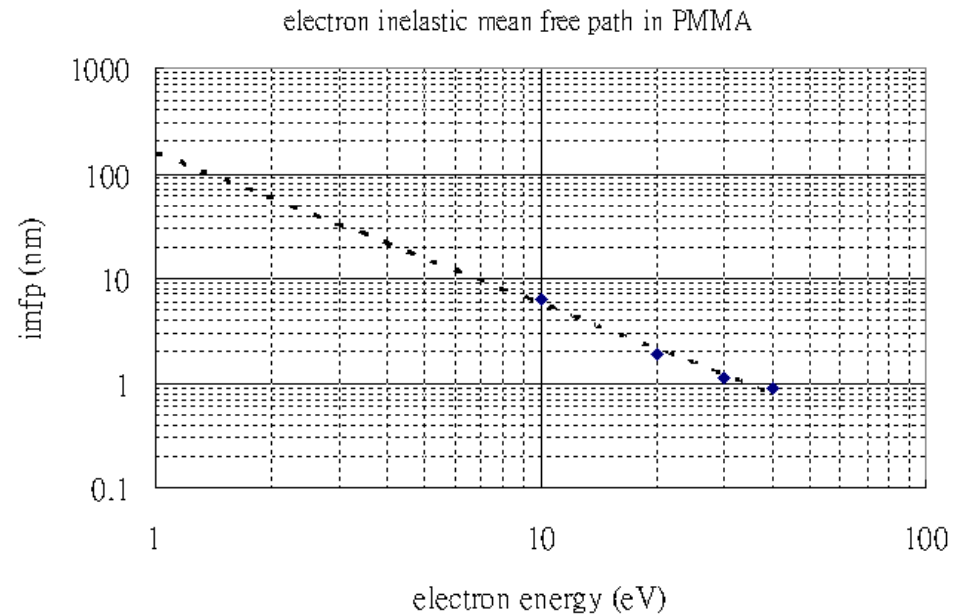
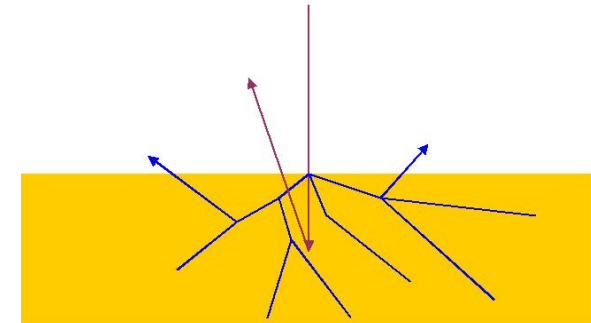
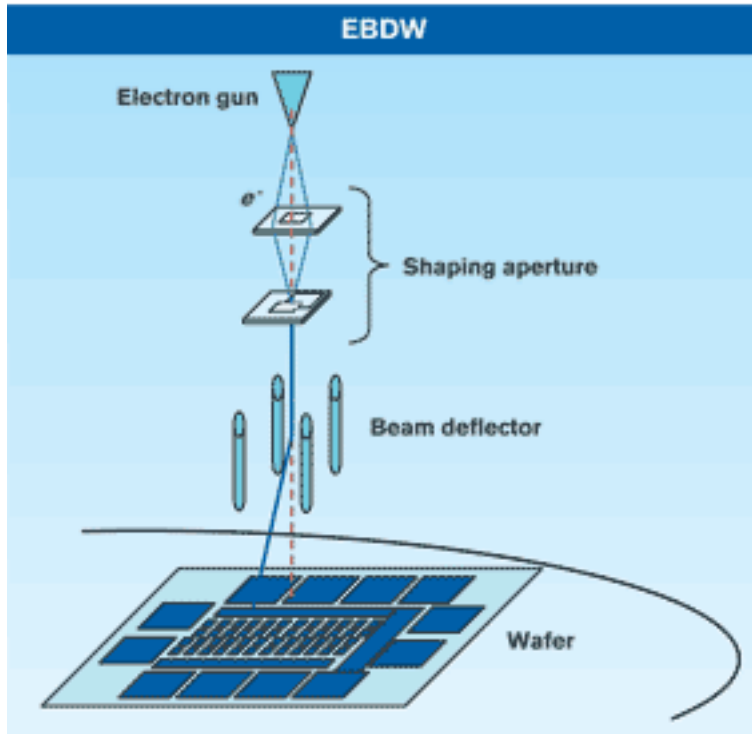
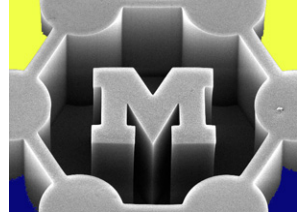
← Constant (<1) X wavelength  
 ← Numerical aperture (> 1) or refractive index



Schematic showing factors of concern at resist/overcoat/fluid interfaces

# E-beam lithography

- Use an electron beam instead of light
- Practical resolution limited by electron scattering of the photoresist; linewidths <20 nm and energies 10-50 kV
- Inherently a serial process (slow); maskless



# CNT microstructures vs. individual CNTs

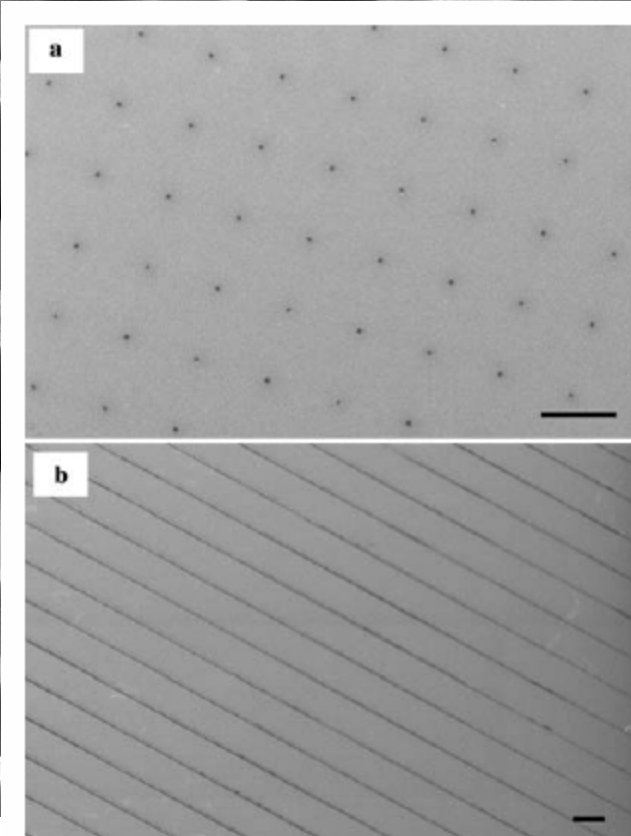
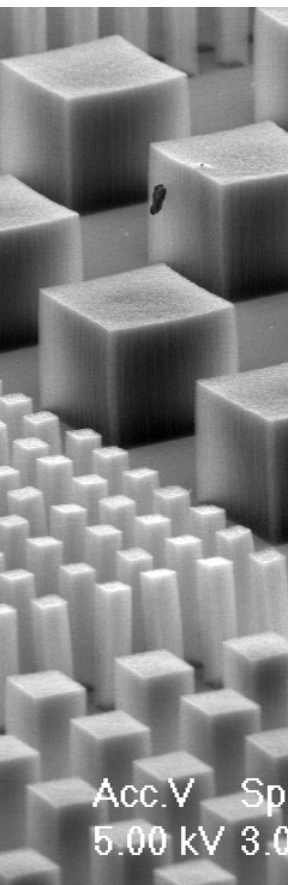
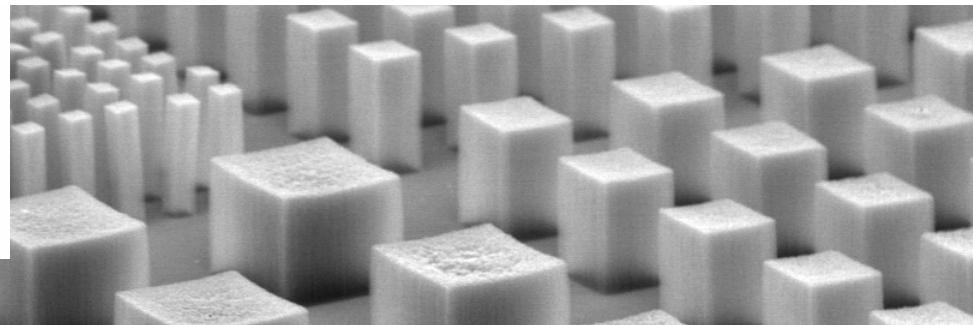
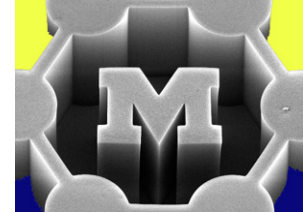


FIGURE 11 SEM images of as-printed Co colloid (a) dot and (b) line patterns (scalebars 4  $\mu\text{m}$ , 3  $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively)

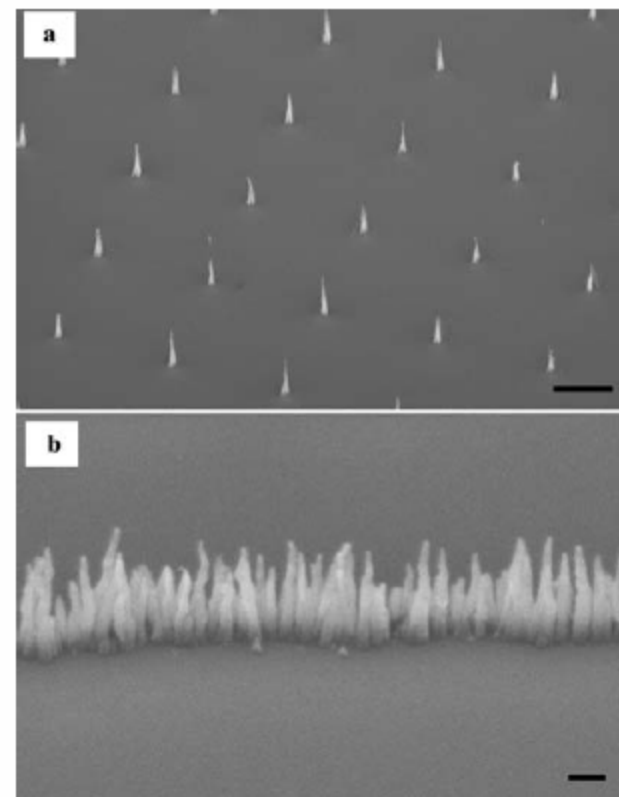


FIGURE 12 SEM images of (a) dot and (b) line patterned, aligned CNF arrays. Growth conditions: 1 : 4  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  :  $\text{NH}_3$  flow at 600 V DC bias, 500  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 15 min (scalebars 2  $\mu\text{m}$ , 100 nm, respectively)

# Focused ion beam (FIB) milling

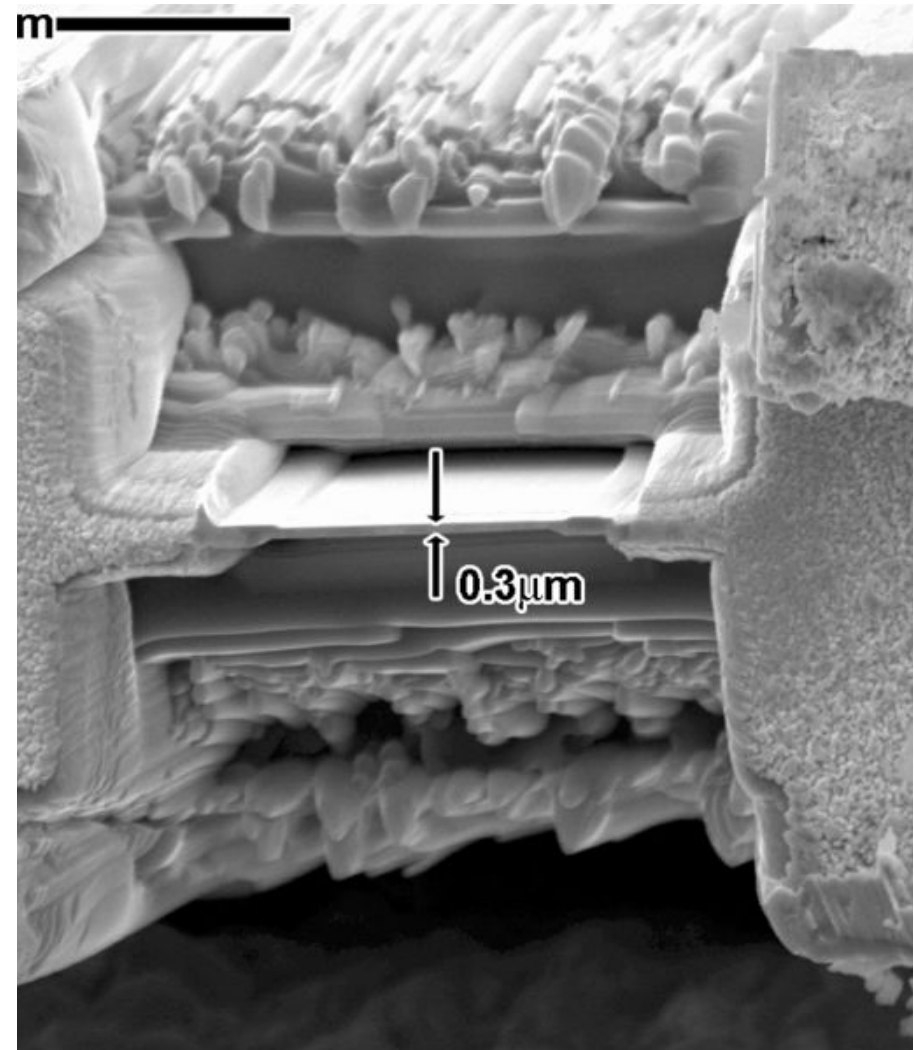
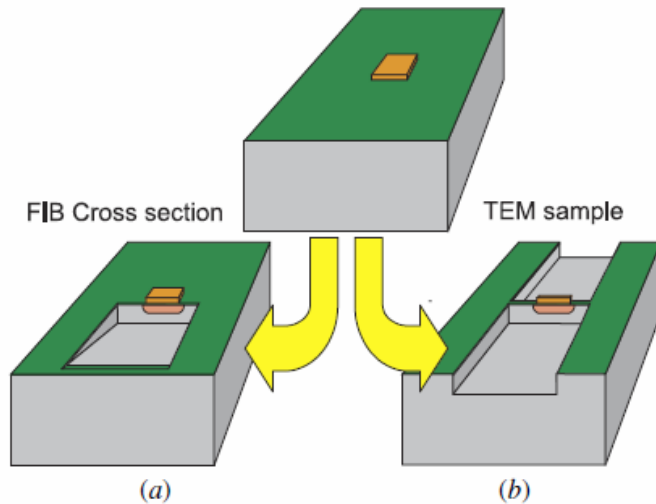
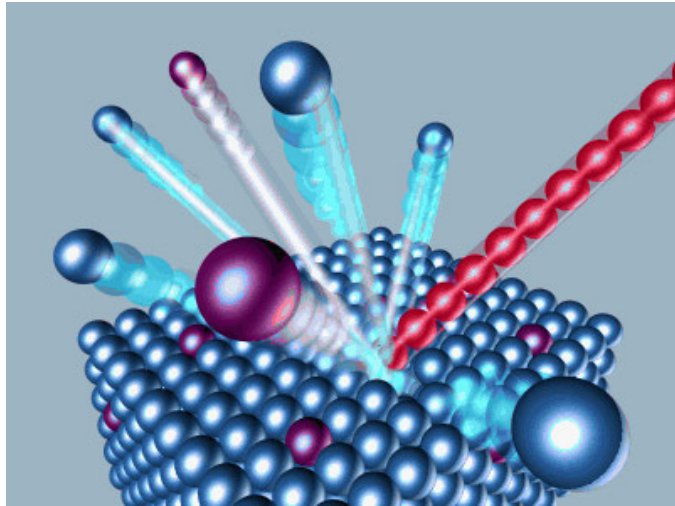
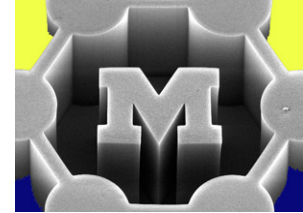
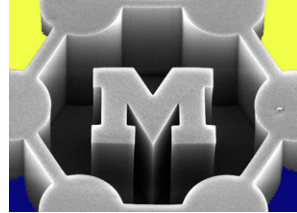
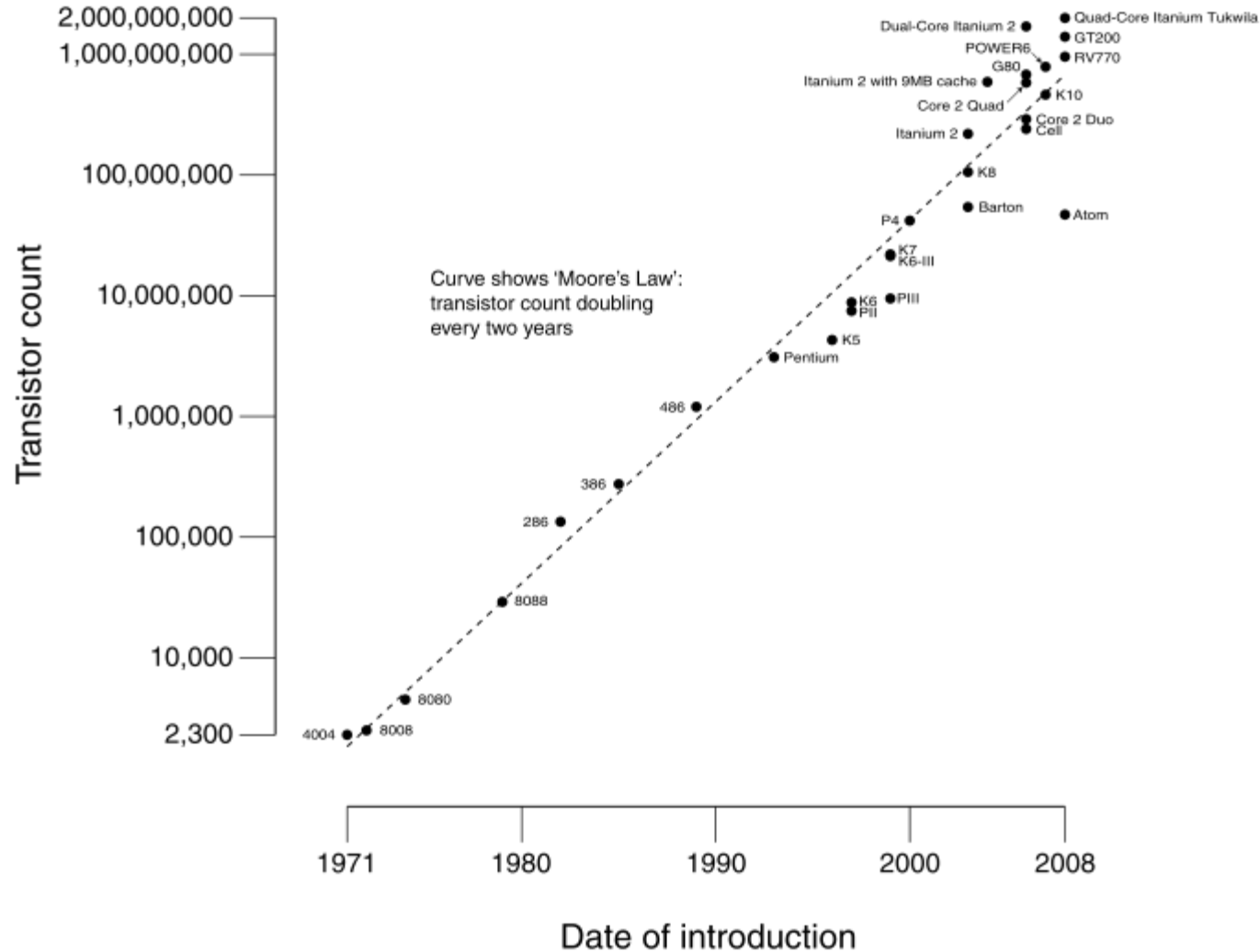


Figure 9. Sample with feature of interest can be (a) cross sectioned in the FIB. The section can be advanced until desired feature appears or (b) it can be prepared for inspection in a TEM.

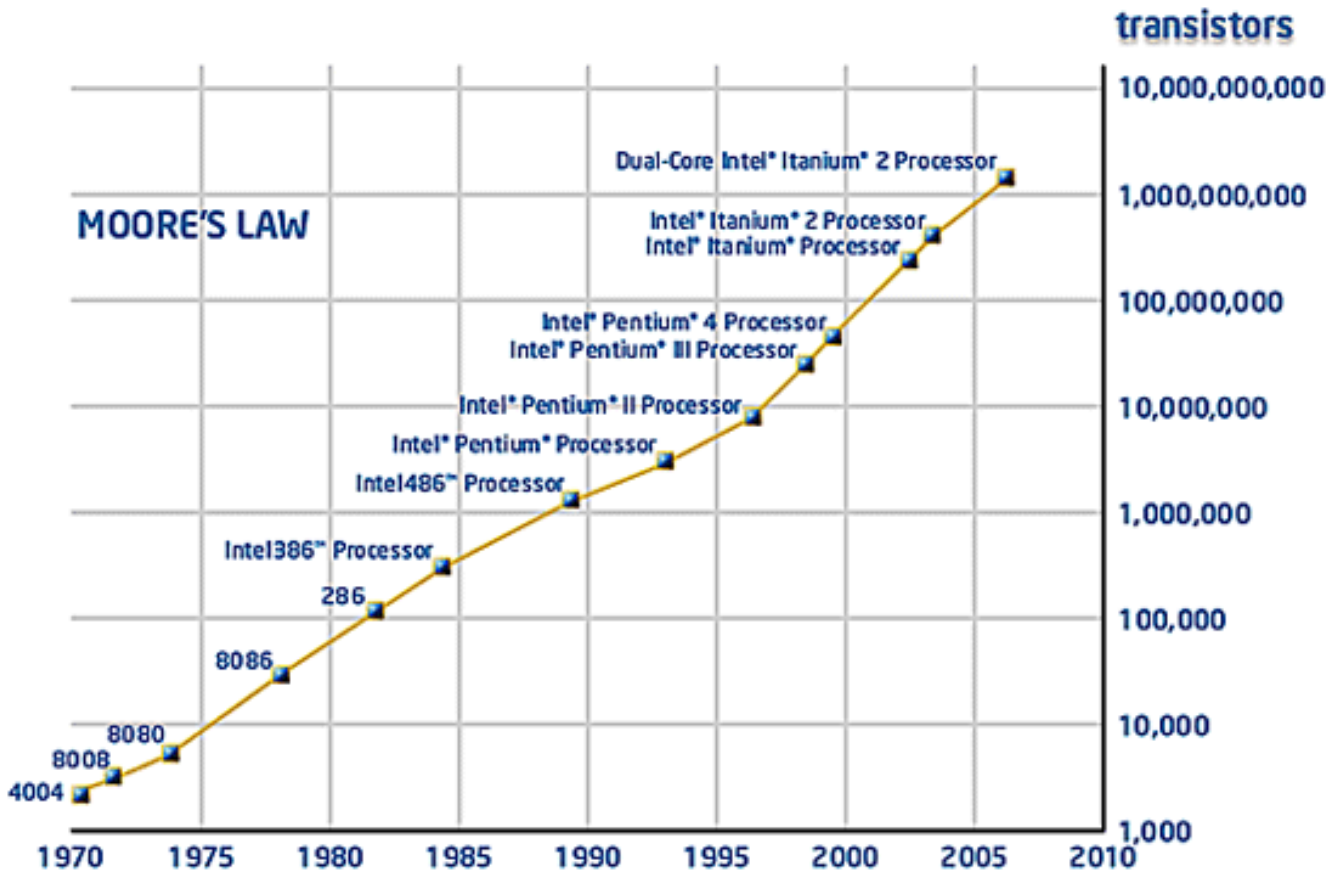
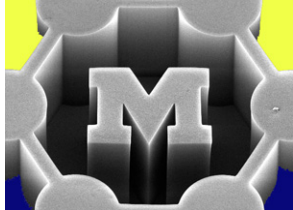
# Moore's law



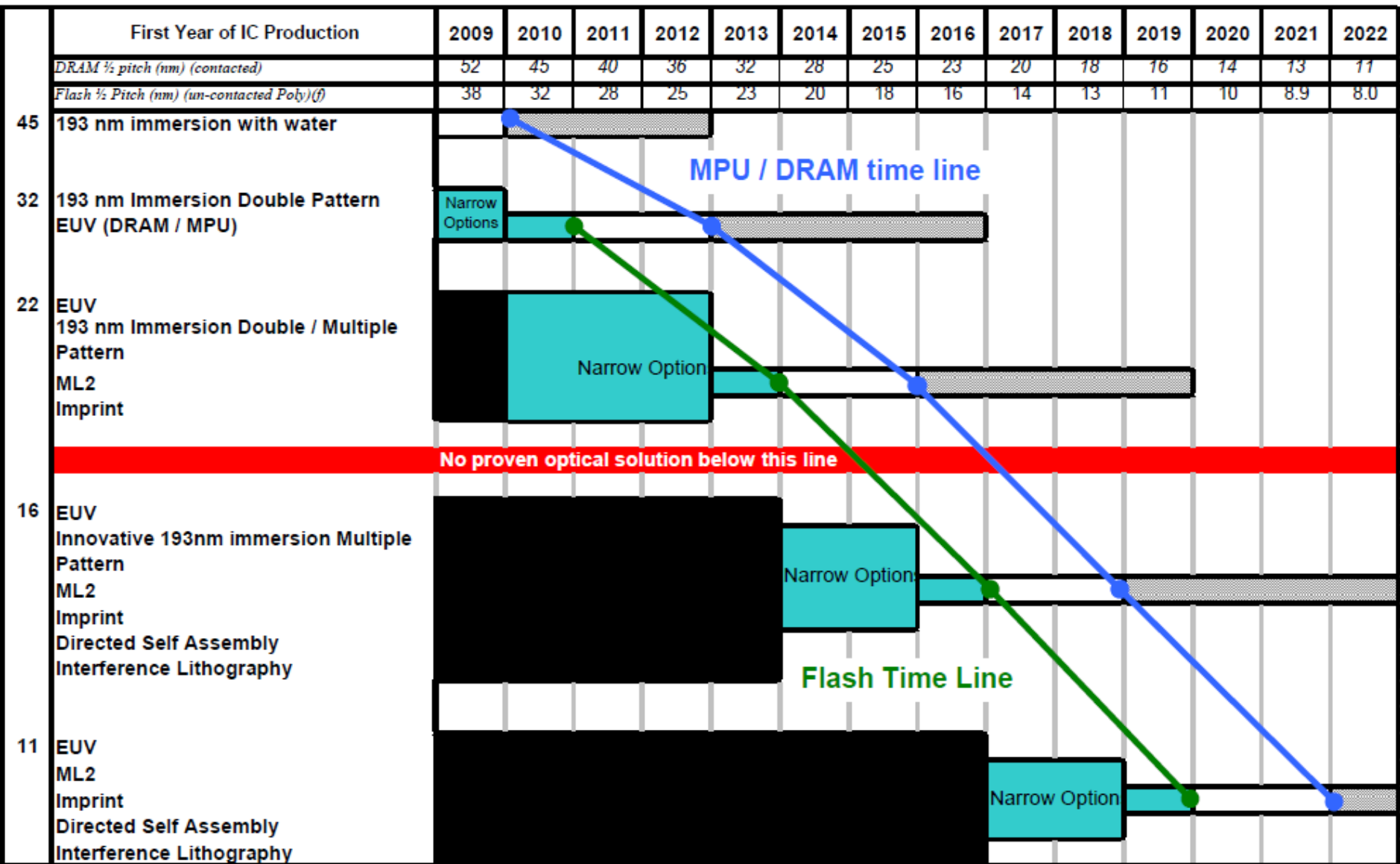
CPU Transistor Counts 1971-2008 & Moore's Law



# Moore's law







MPU / DRAM time line

Flash Time Line

This legend indicates the time during which research, development, and qualification/pre-production should be taking place for the solution.

Research Required

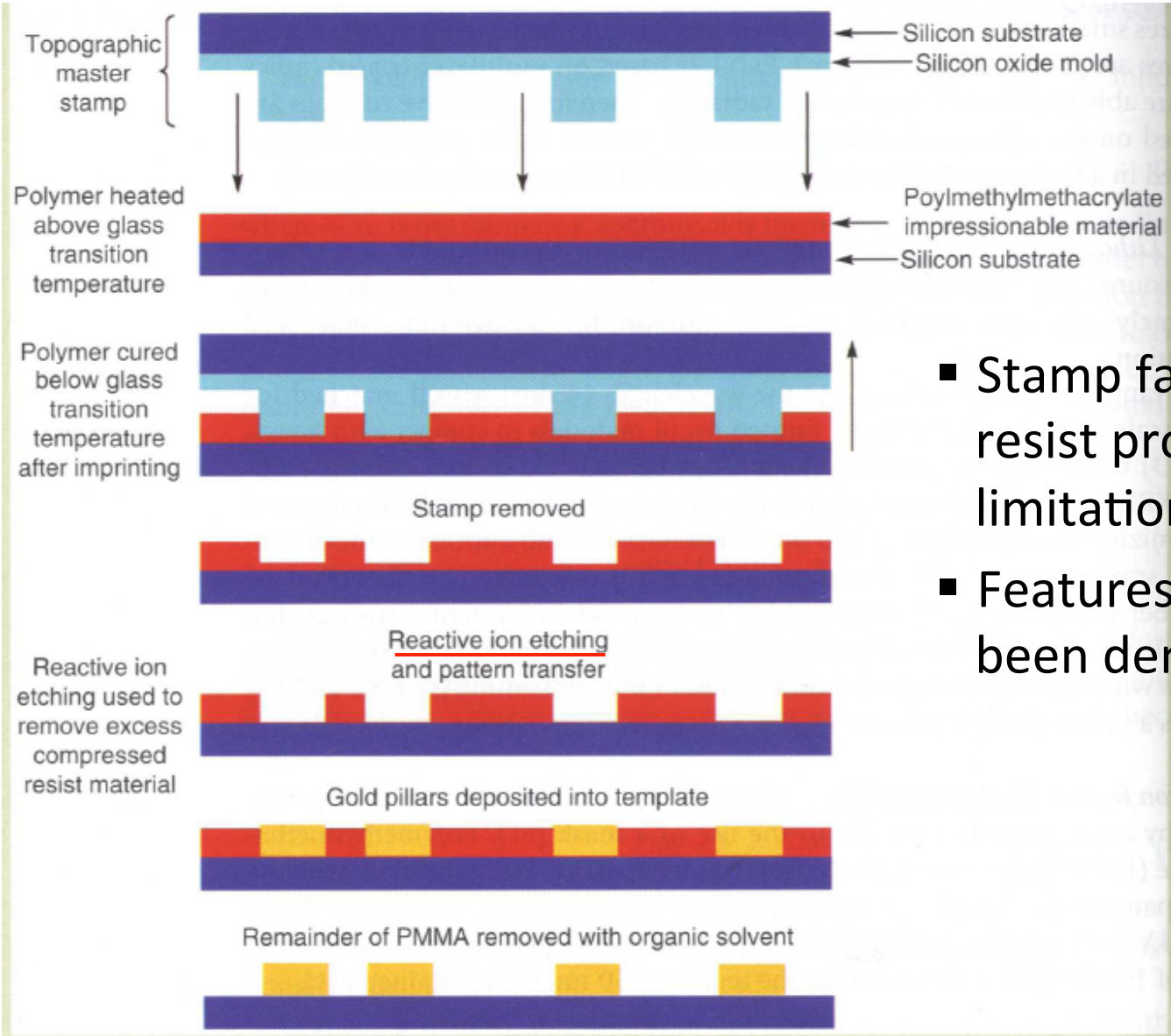
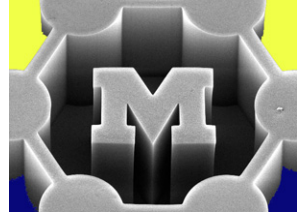
Development Underway

Qualification / Pre-Production

Continuous Improvement



# Nanoimprint lithography



- Stamp fabrication and resist properties/flow are limitations
- Features  $<5$  nm have been demonstrated

# Continuous nanoimprint lithography

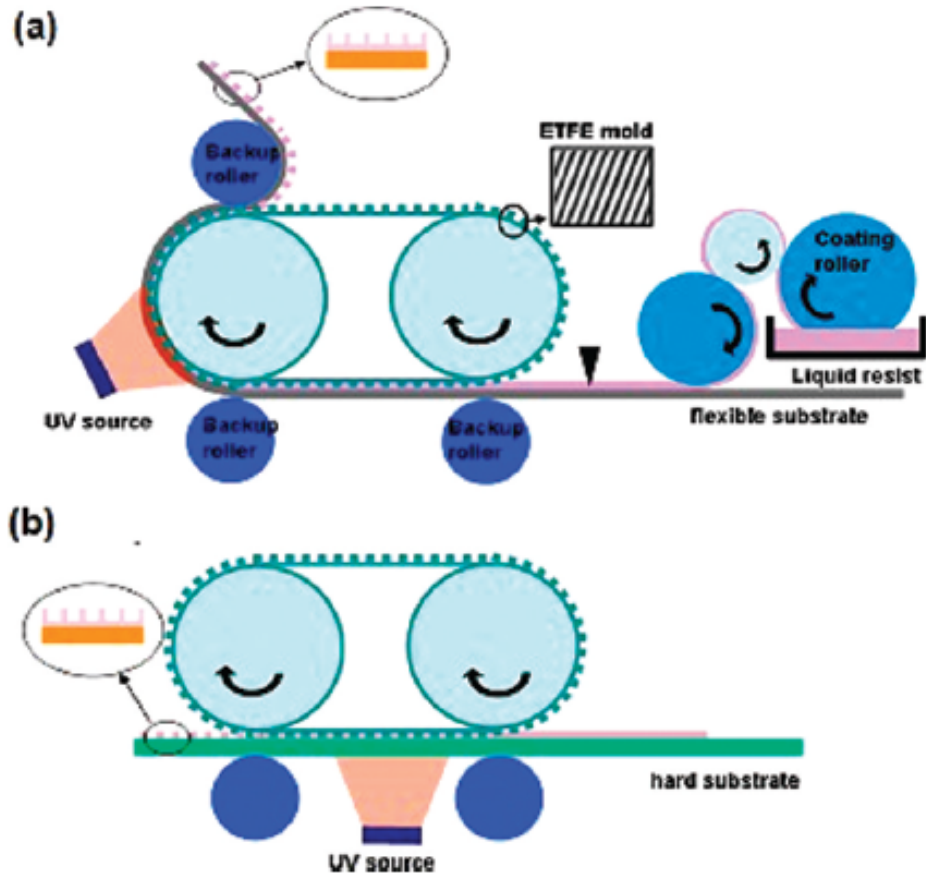
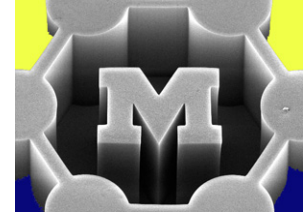


Figure 1. Schematics of (a) R2RNIL and (b) R2PNIL process. (c) Photograph of 6 in.-capable R2R/R2PNIL apparatus.

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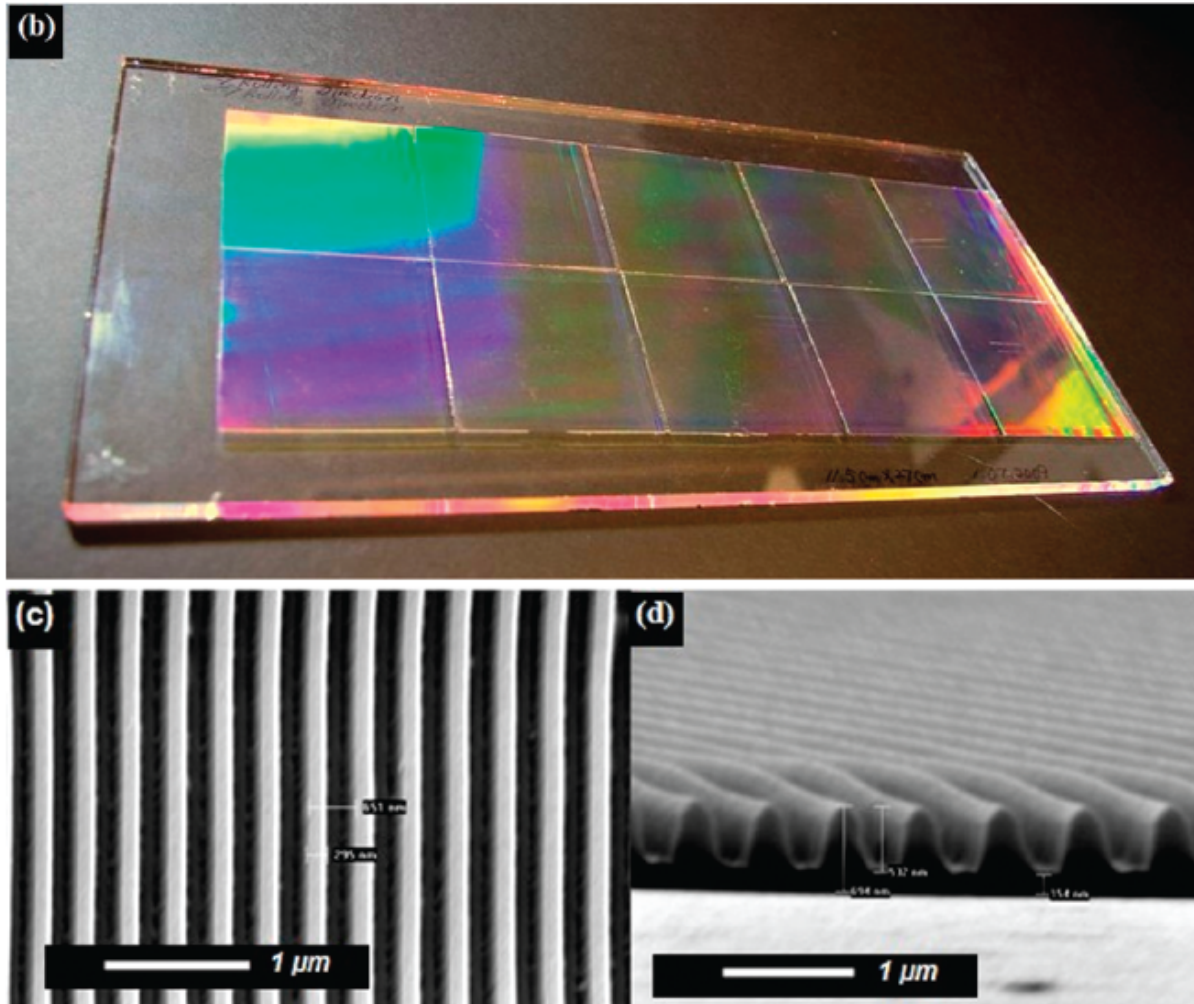
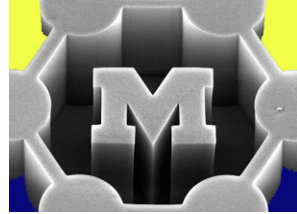
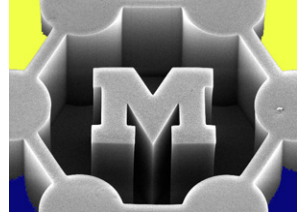
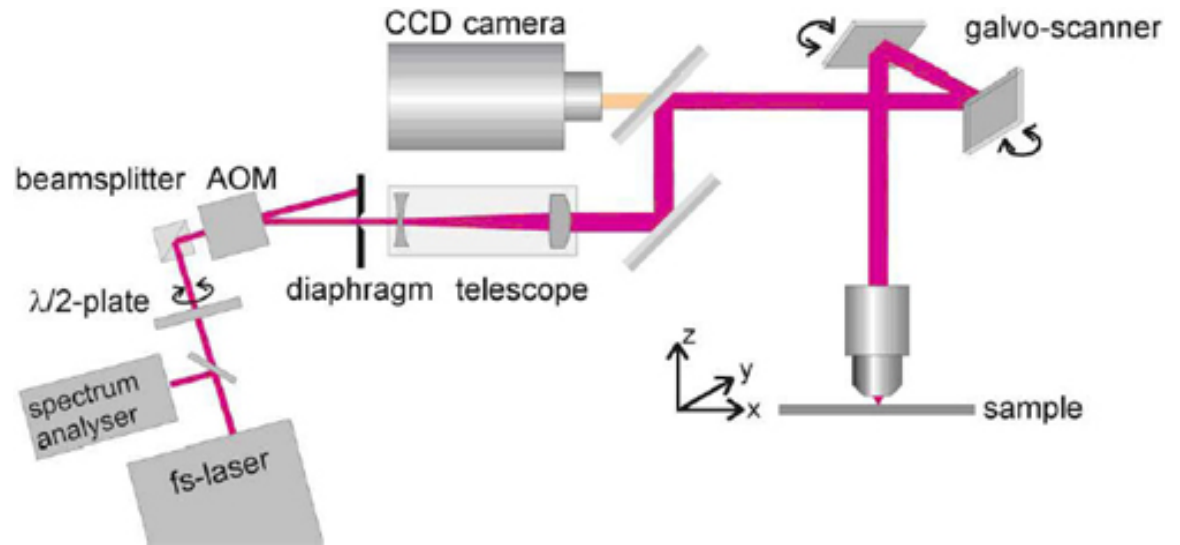


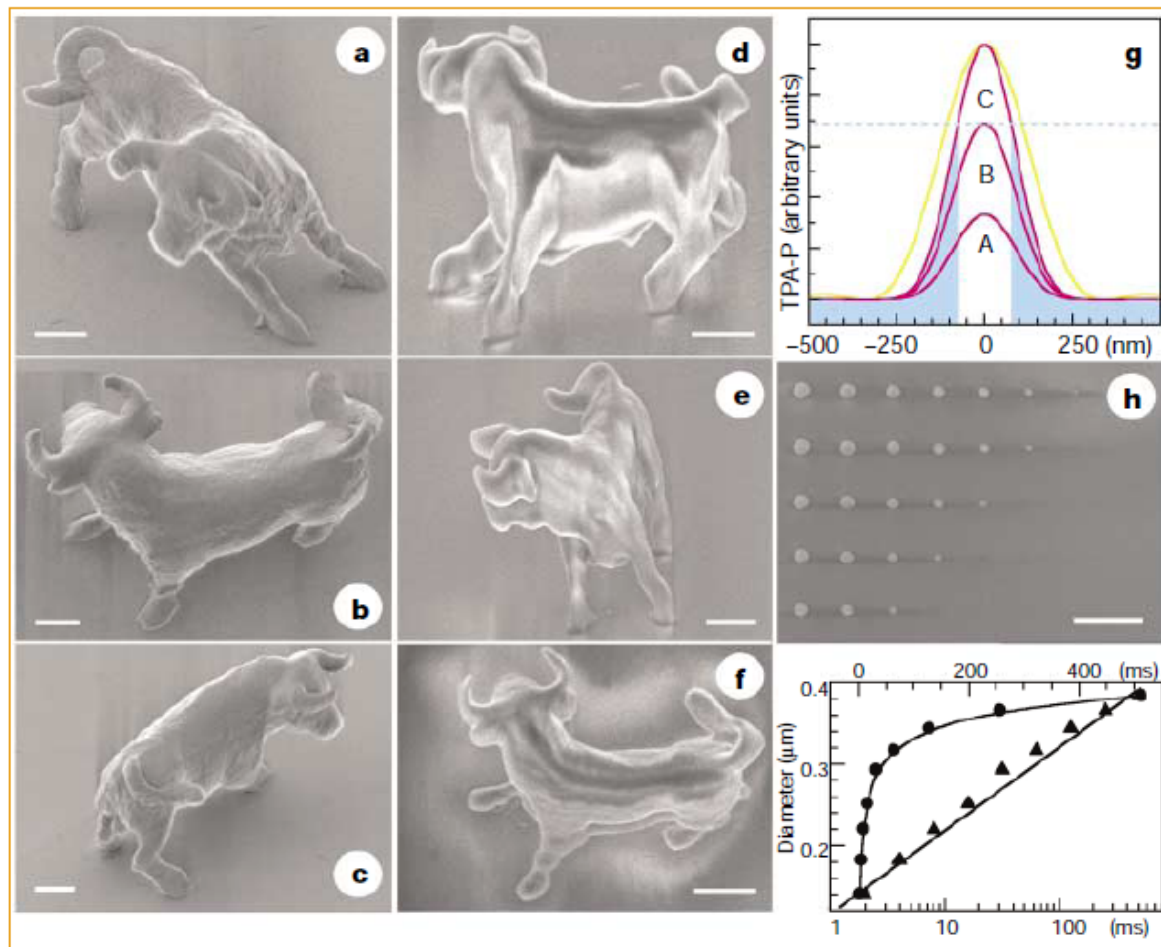
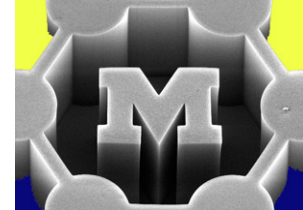
Figure 2. (a) A 4 in. wide, 12 in. long 700 nm period epoxysilicone pattern on flexible PET substrate by R2RNIL process and (b) a 4 in. wide, 10.5 in. long 700 nm period grating pattern on glass substrate. (c,d) SEM images of the patterned grating structure.

# Two-photon absorption (TPA)

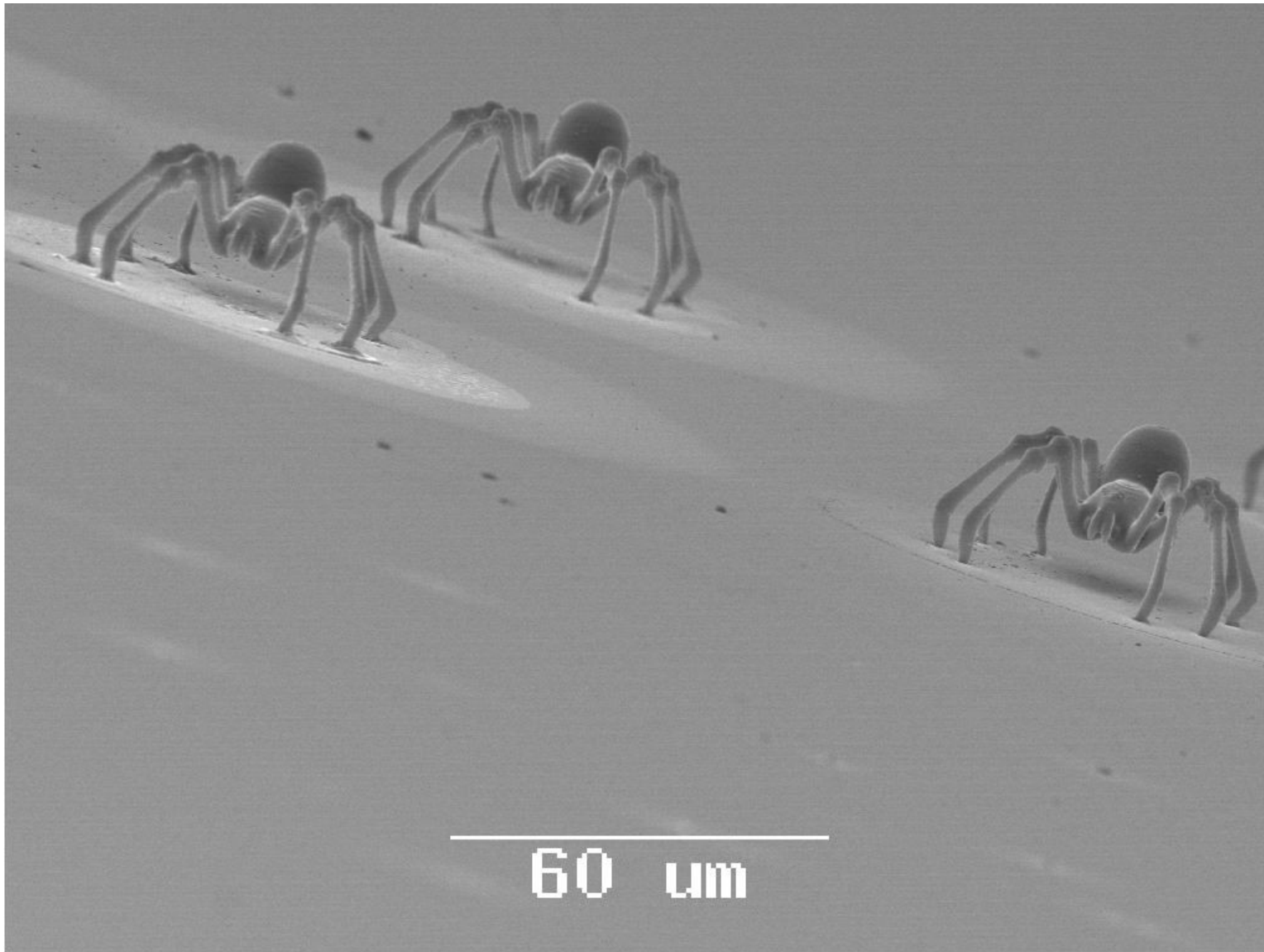
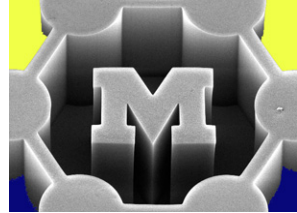


- Photomodification of a polymer mixture that will be modified upon exposure to **two** photons, not one
- Typically uses fast ( $\sim$ fs) laser pulses
- The nonlinear/threshold nature of this effect enables sub-wavelength resolution
- The laser can be focused into the depth (3D) of a material





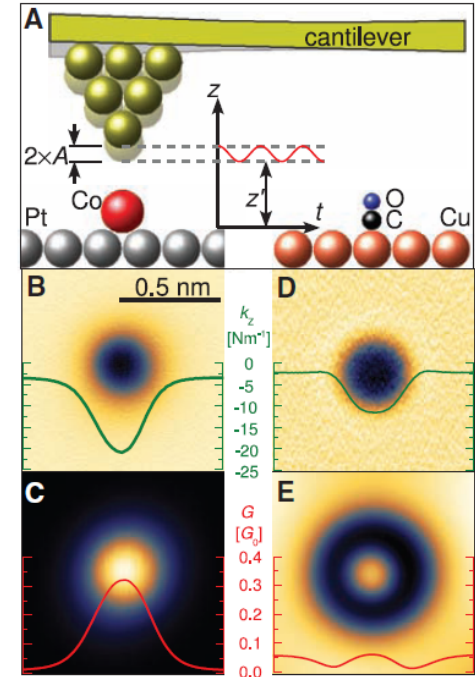
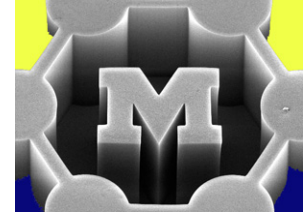
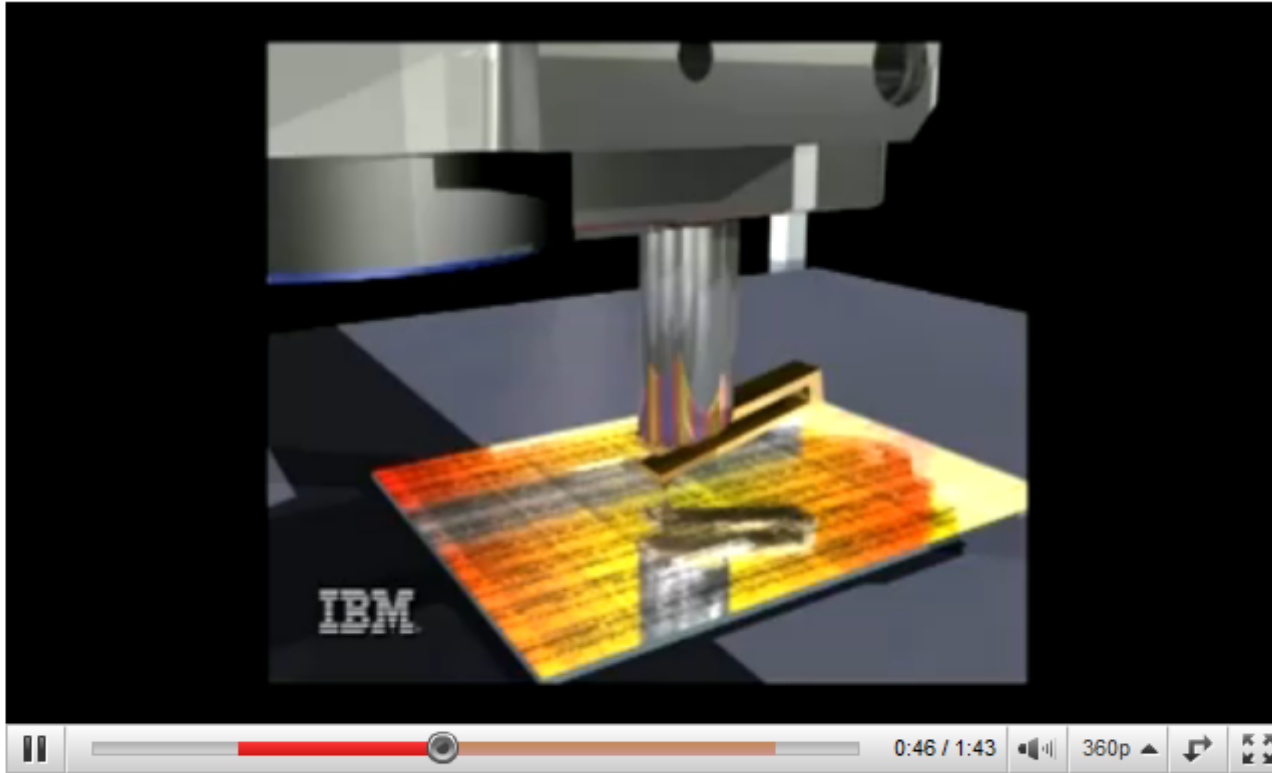
**Figure 1** Microfabrication and nanofabrication at subdiffraction-limit resolution. A titanium sapphire laser operating in mode-lock at 76 MHz and 780 nm with a 150-femtosecond pulse width was used as an exposure source. The laser was focused by an objective lens of high numerical aperture ( $\sim 1.4$ ). **a–c**, Bull sculpture produced by raster scanning; the process took 180 min. **d–f**, The surface of the bull was defined by two-photon absorption (TPA; that is, surface-profile scanning) and was then solidified internally by illumination under a mercury lamp, reducing the TPA-scanning time to 13 min. **g**, Achievement of subdiffraction-limit resolution, where A, B and C respectively denote the laser-pulse energy below, at and above the TPA-polymerization threshold (dashed line). The yellow line represents the range of single-photon absorption. TPA-P, TPA probability. **h**, Scanning electron micrograph of voxels formed at different exposure times and laser-pulse energies. **i**, Dependence of lateral spatial resolution on exposure time. The laser-pulse energy was 137 pJ. The same data are presented using both logarithmic (triangles; bottom axis) and linear (circles; top axis) coordinates, to show the logarithmic dependence and threshold behaviour of TPA photopolymerization. Scale bars, 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .



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# Positioning individual atoms

IBM Measures The Force Required To Move Atoms



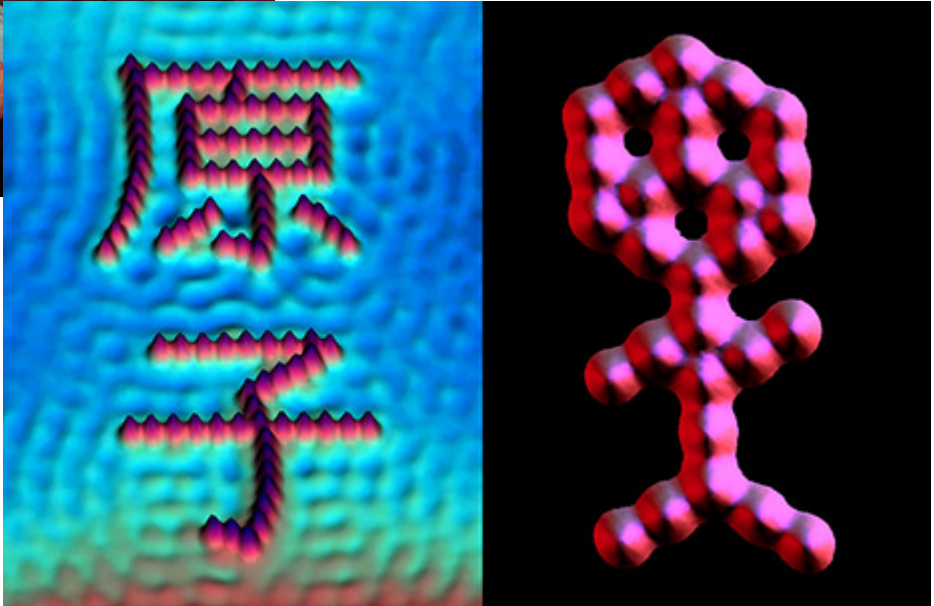
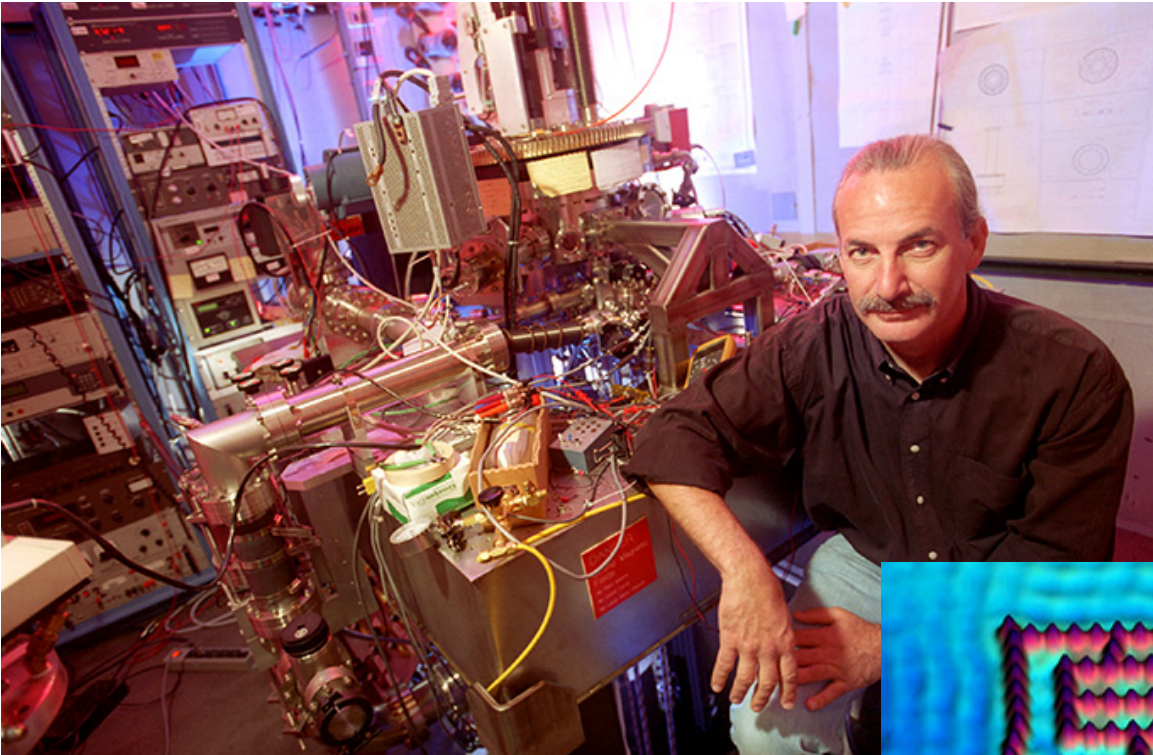
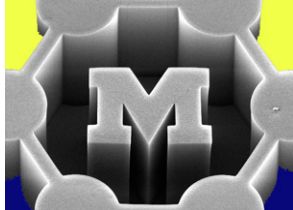
**Fig. 1.** Simultaneous AFM and STM measurements of individual adsorbates. **(A)** An atomically sharp metal tip is oscillating in  $z$  with an amplitude  $A = 30$  pm over a flat metal surface on which an individual Co atom or CO molecule is adsorbed. The measured frequency shift of the cantilever from its natural resonance frequency is proportional to the vertical stiffness  $k_z$  of the tip-sample interaction. A small bias voltage of 1 mV was applied between tip and sample to measure the tunneling current, which is

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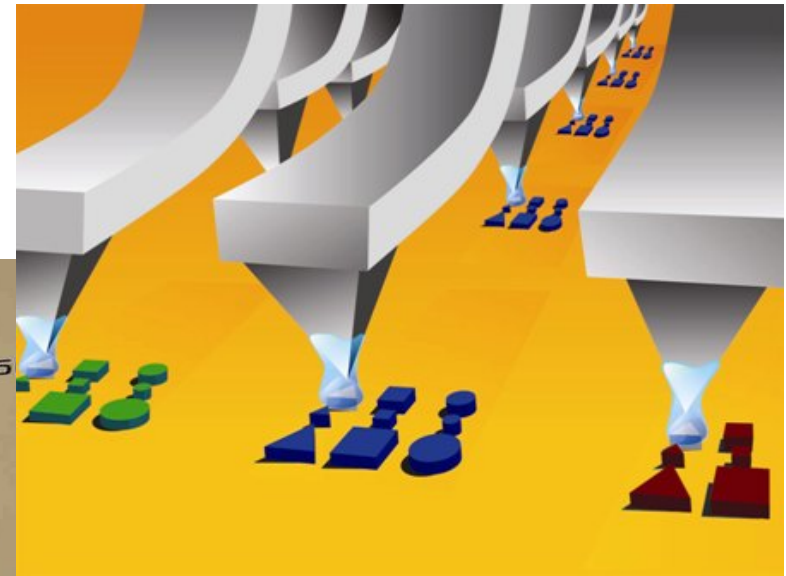
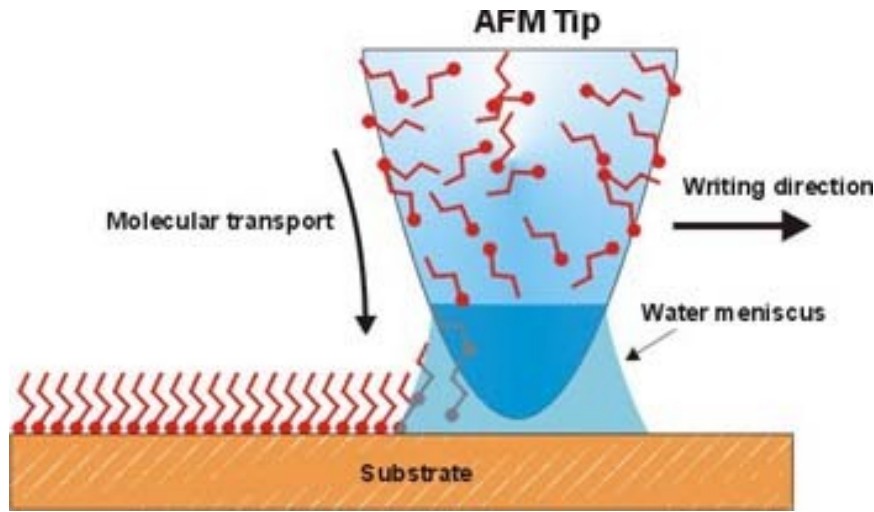
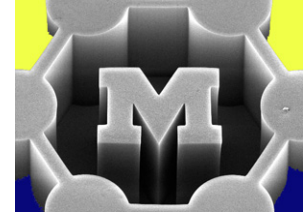


# Positioning individual atoms

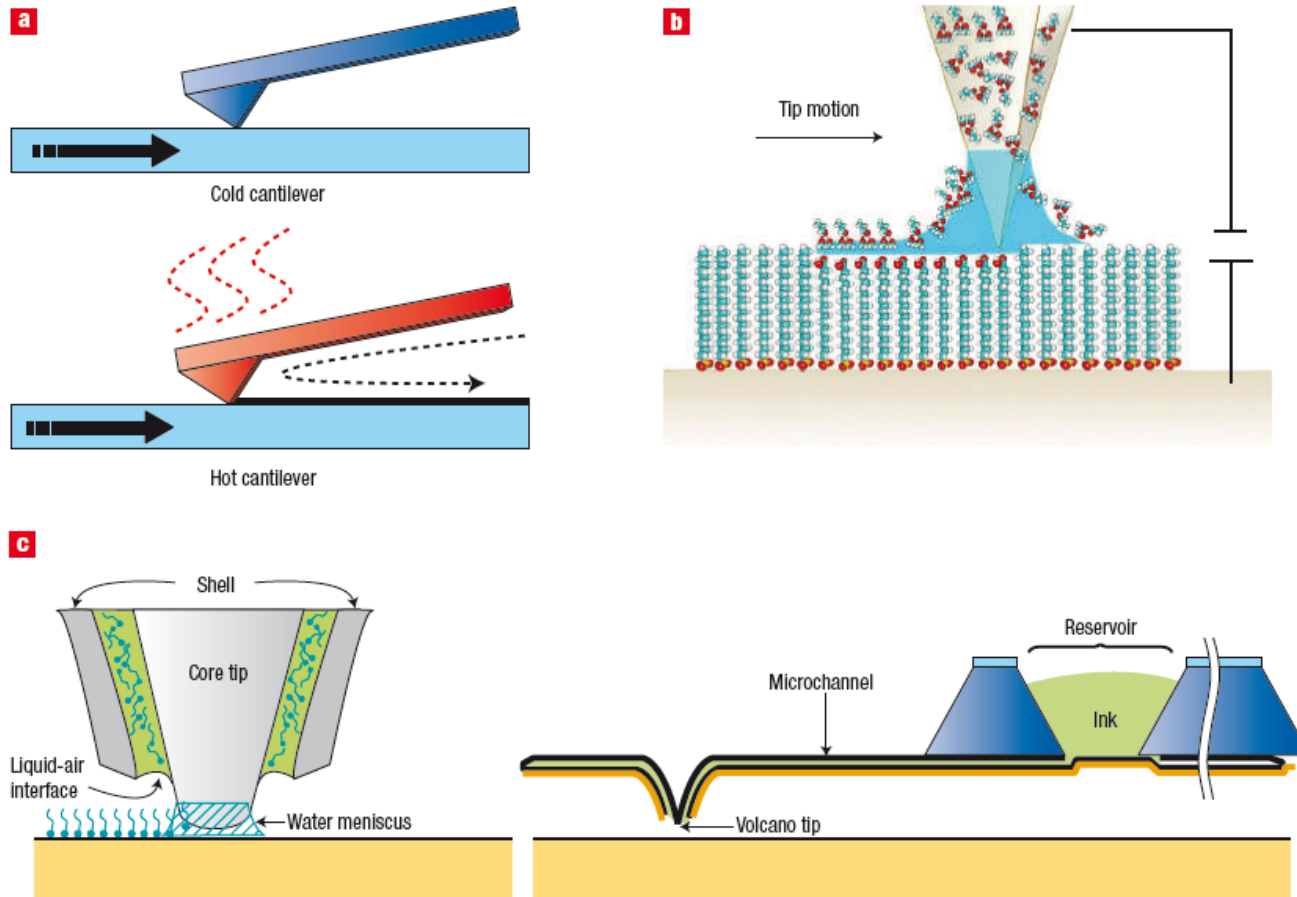
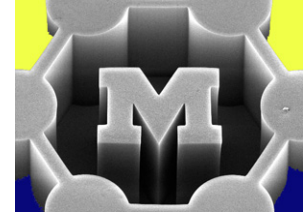


“Atom”

# Dip-pen nanolithography (DPN)

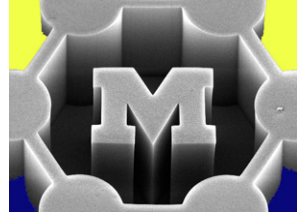


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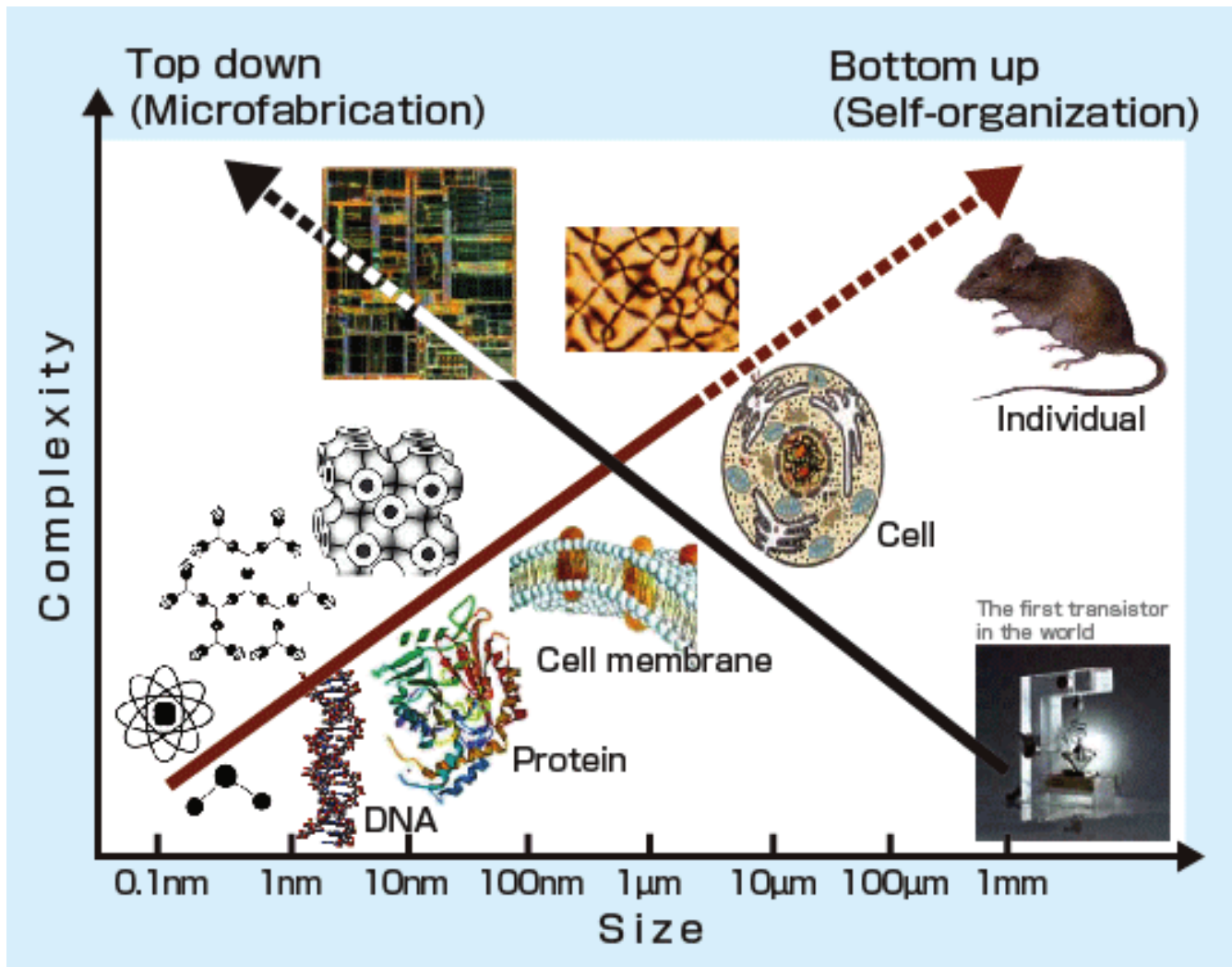
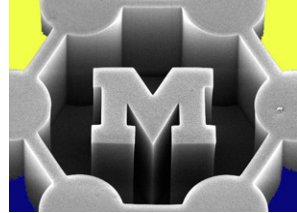
**Figure 5** Examples of variants of DPN. **a**, Thermal DPN, which uses a heated AFM cantilever whose tip is coated with a solid 'ink'. When the tip is hot enough, the ink melts and flows onto the substrate. No deposition occurs when the tip is cold, so imaging without any unintended deposition is possible. **b**, Electro pen nanolithography on an octadecyltrichlorosilane (OTS)-coated surface. The terminal methyl group of the OTS is converted to a reactive COOH-terminated surface (OTSx) by applying a voltage between the conducting AFM tip and the conducting silicon substrate in a humid environment. 'ink' molecules are delivered from the 'inked tip' to the reactive OTSx surface, forming a second layer in the same sweep. No second layer is formed on the methyl-terminated regions. **c**, Writing mechanism of the Nano Fountain Pen. Molecular ink fed from the reservoir forms a liquid-air interface at the annular aperture of the volcano tip. Molecules are transferred by diffusion from the interface to a substrate and a water meniscus is formed by capillary condensation.

# “Bottom-up” methods

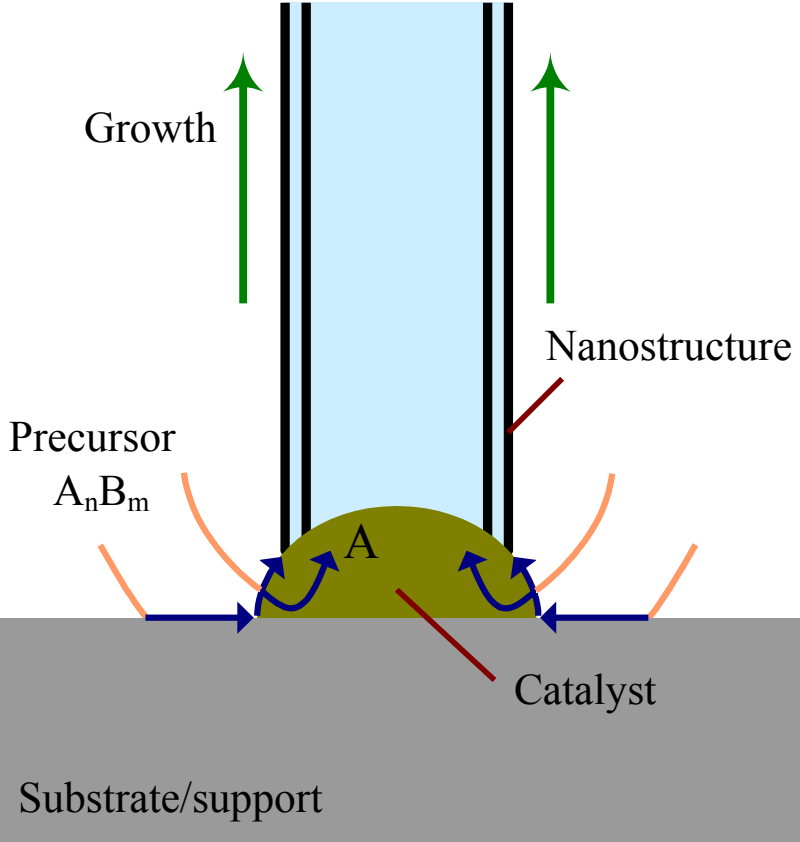
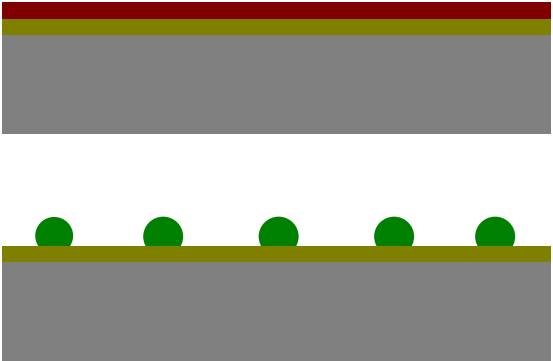
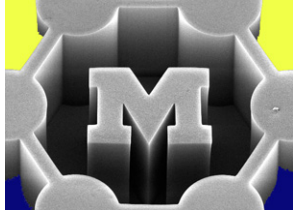


- Begin with atoms and molecules (bottom), which react under chemical or physical circumstances to form nanostructures.
- Examples:
  - Chemical vapor deposition (CVD); atomic layer deposition (ALD)
  - Crystal growth
  - Self-assembly
    - Building blocks
    - Interactions
    - Applied forces
  - Biological methods
- Hybrids...

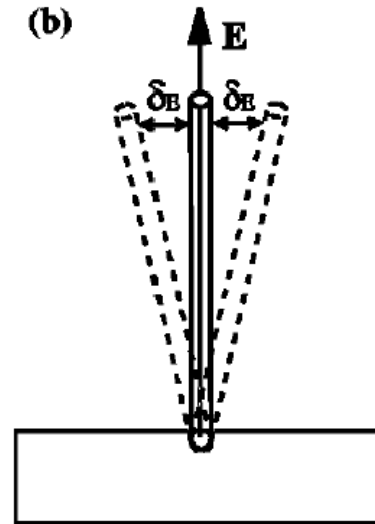
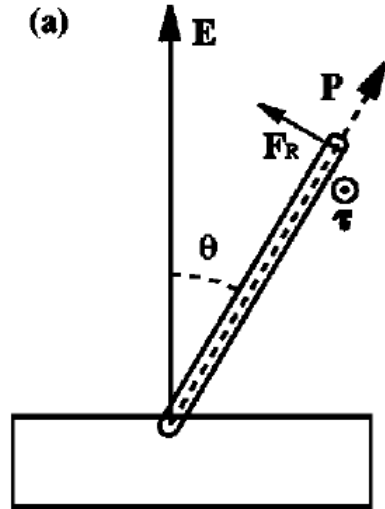
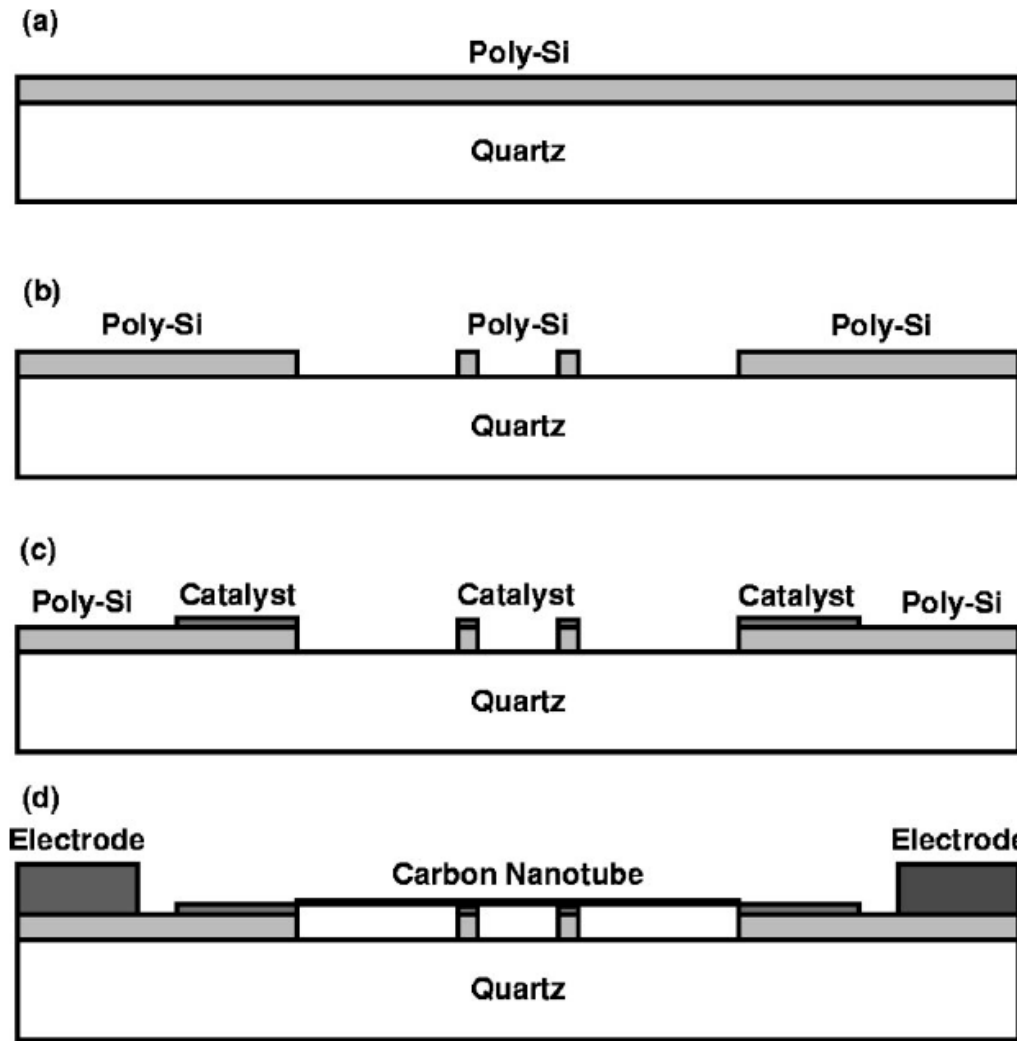
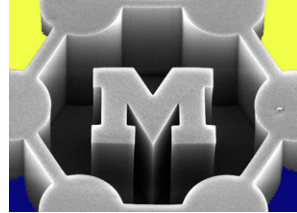
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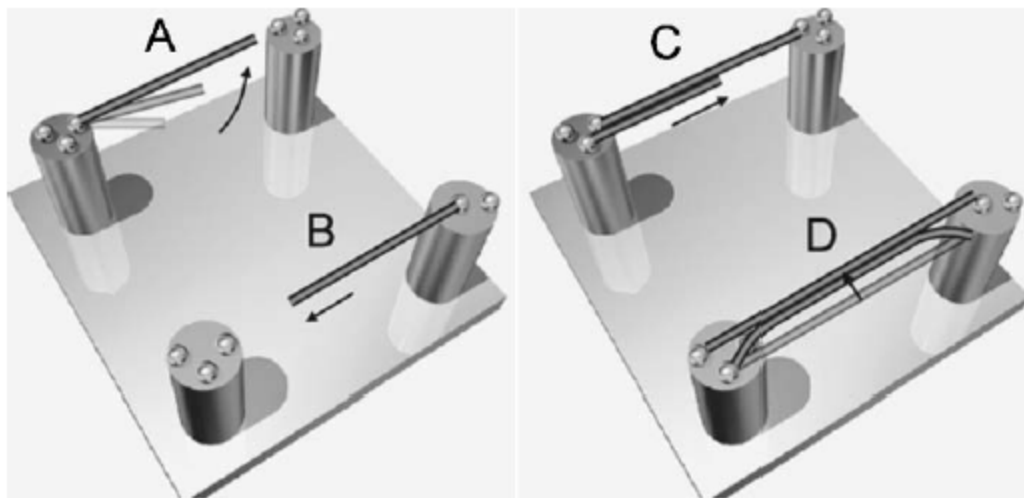
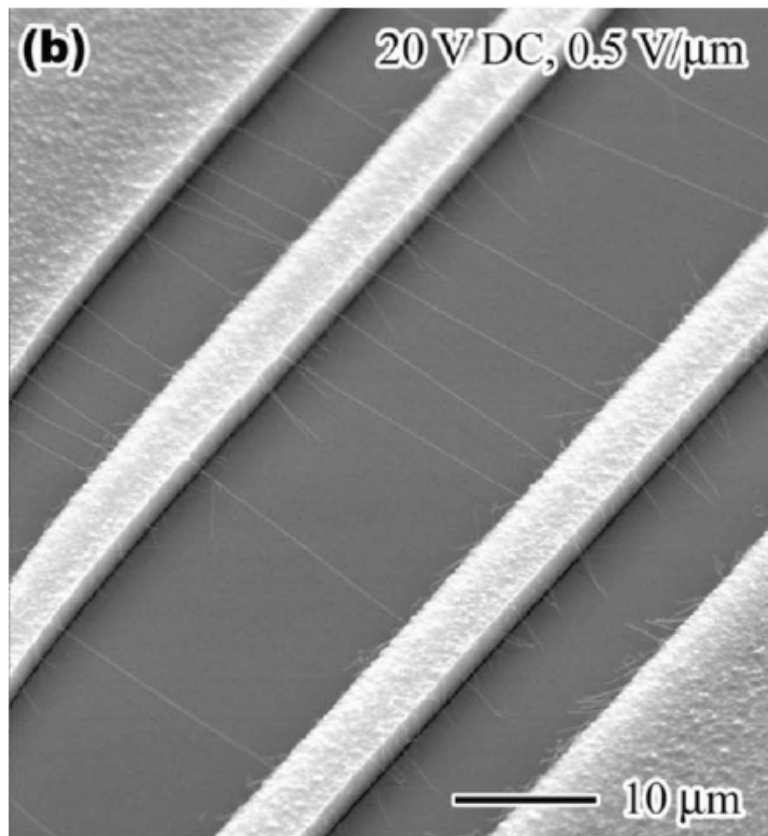
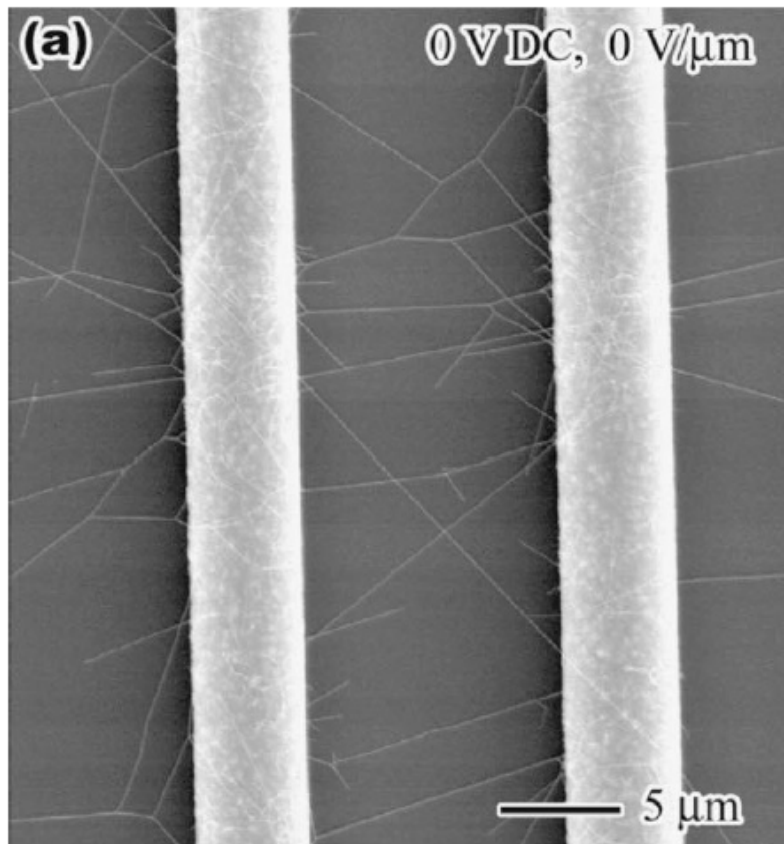
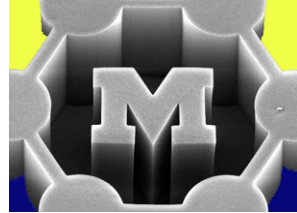
# Growth of nanotubes and nanowires



# Electric field-directed growth of CNTs



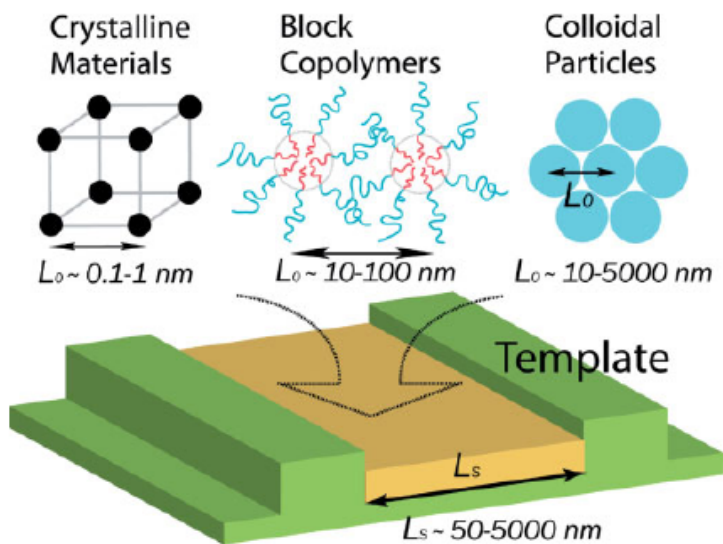
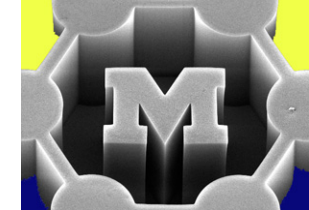
→ Alignment force vs. thermal vibration



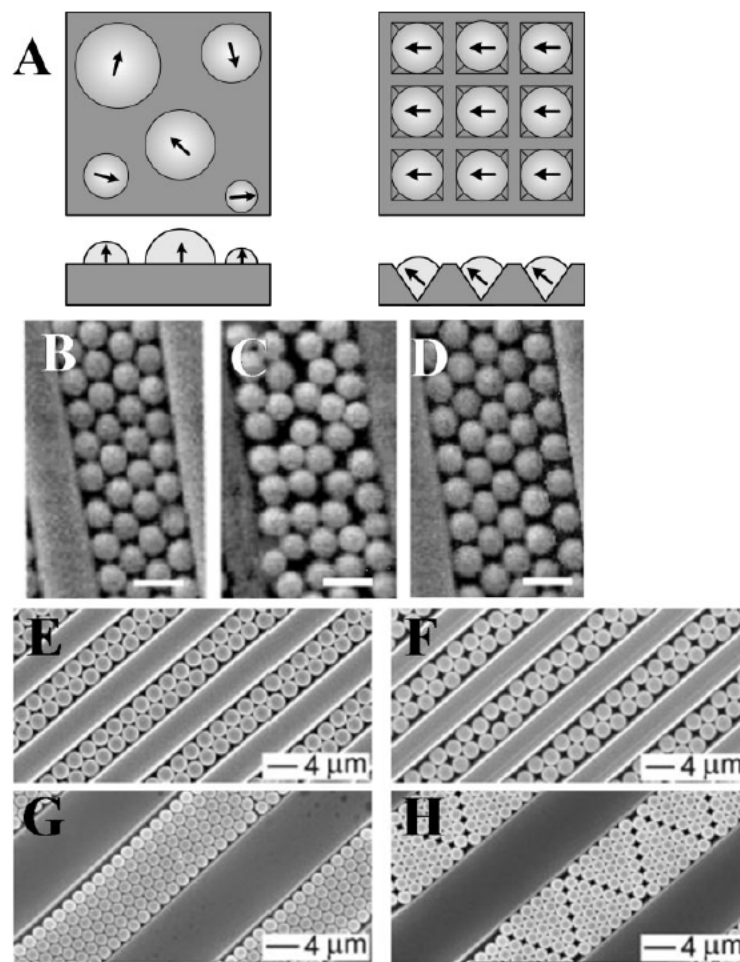
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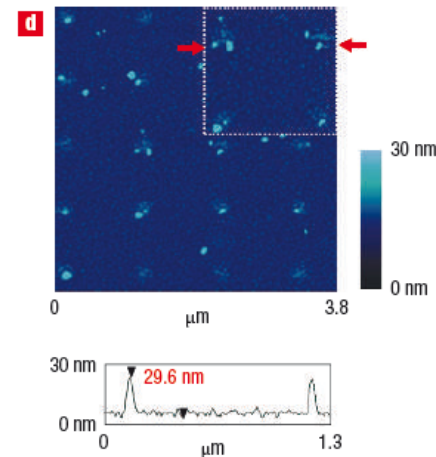
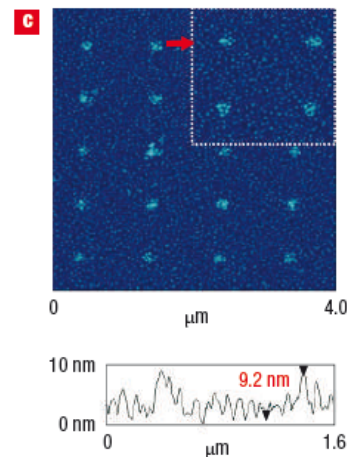
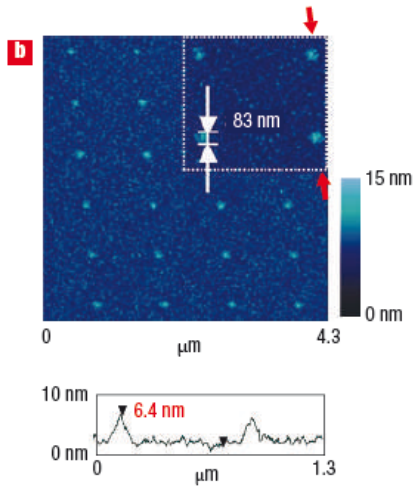
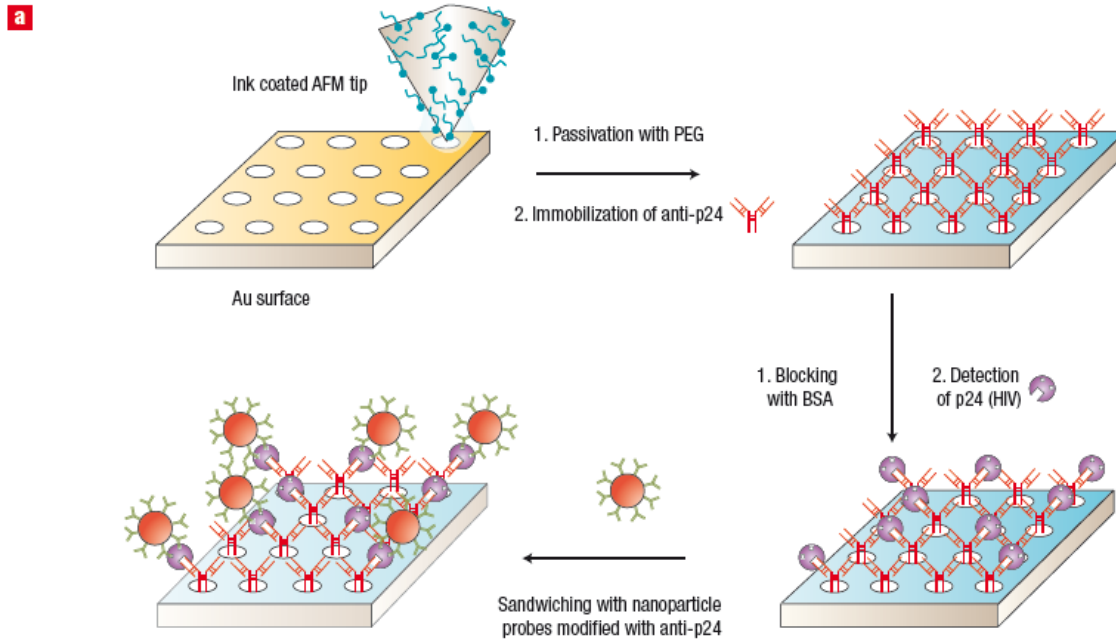
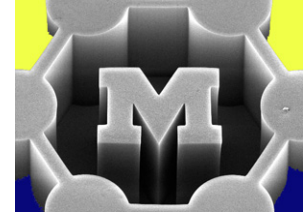


**Figure 1.** Illustration of some types of TSA systems. Characteristic lengths ( $L_0$ ) of crystalline materials, block copolymers, and colloid assemblies and the characteristic length ( $L_s$ ) of the template are indicated.



**Figure 2.** A) Use of topography and dewetting of Au films to create ordered particle arrays [14]. Particles on a flat substrate have random in-plane orientations, while particles on a topologically patterned substrate are crystallographically oriented. The arrows indicate the [111] direction. B–D) Effect of confinement on organization of colloidal particles deposited by an electrophoretic method [17]. The order–disorder–order transition in the colloidal array depends on commensurability of particle diameter and groove width. (Widths of the grooves: B) 2.22  $\mu\text{m}$ , C) 2.51  $\mu\text{m}$ , D) 2.72  $\mu\text{m}$ .) Reprinted from [17]. E–H) Effect of incommensurability on colloidal particles deposited by flow technique [18]. E,F) 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  polystyrene (PS) bead arrays within channels 5.0 and 5.8  $\mu\text{m}$  in width, respectively. G,H) 1.75  $\mu\text{m}$  PS beads within channels 10.0 and 10.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in width, respectively. Reprinted from [18].

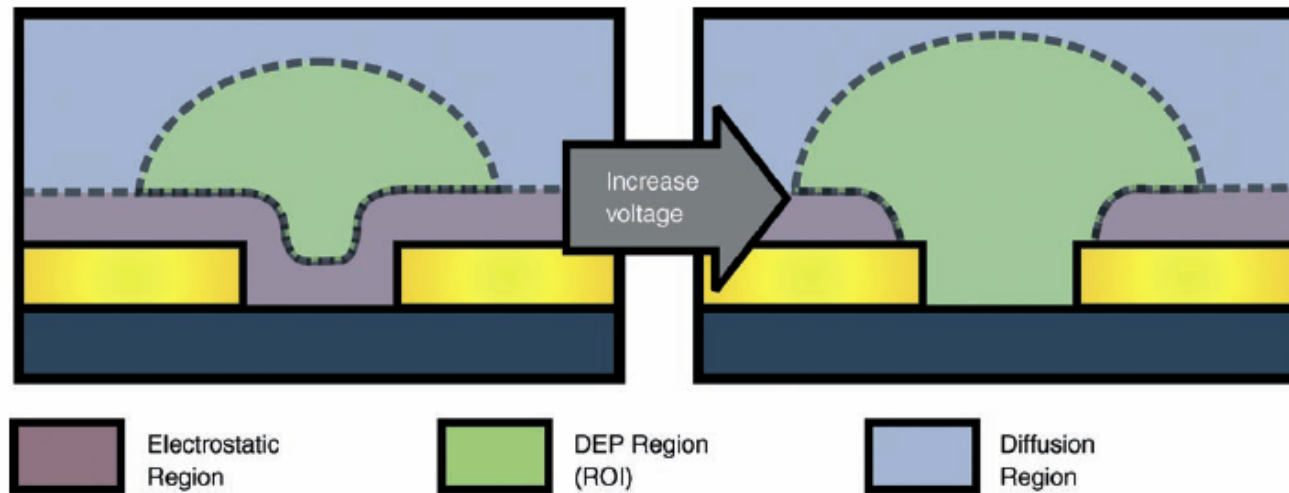
# Molecular recognition using DPN patterns



# Placing particles in gaps by electrophoresis



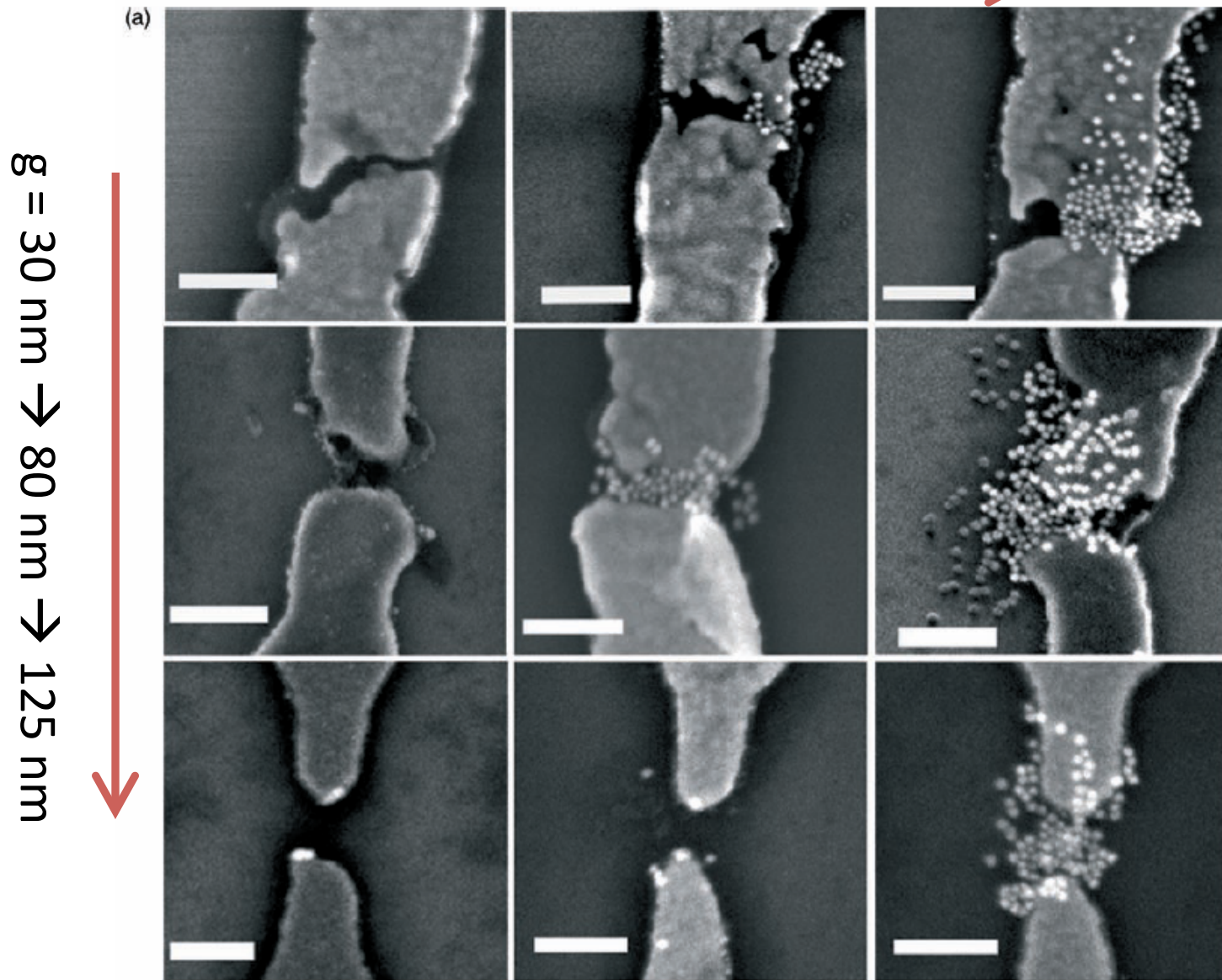
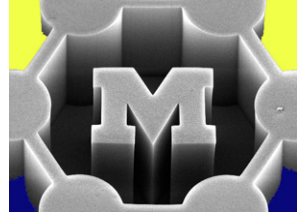
“An alternating current is used to create a gradient of electrical field that attracts particles in between the two leads used to create the potential. Assembly is achieved when dielectrophoretic forces exceed thermal and electrostatic forces; the use of anchoring molecules, present in the gap, improves the final assembly stability.”



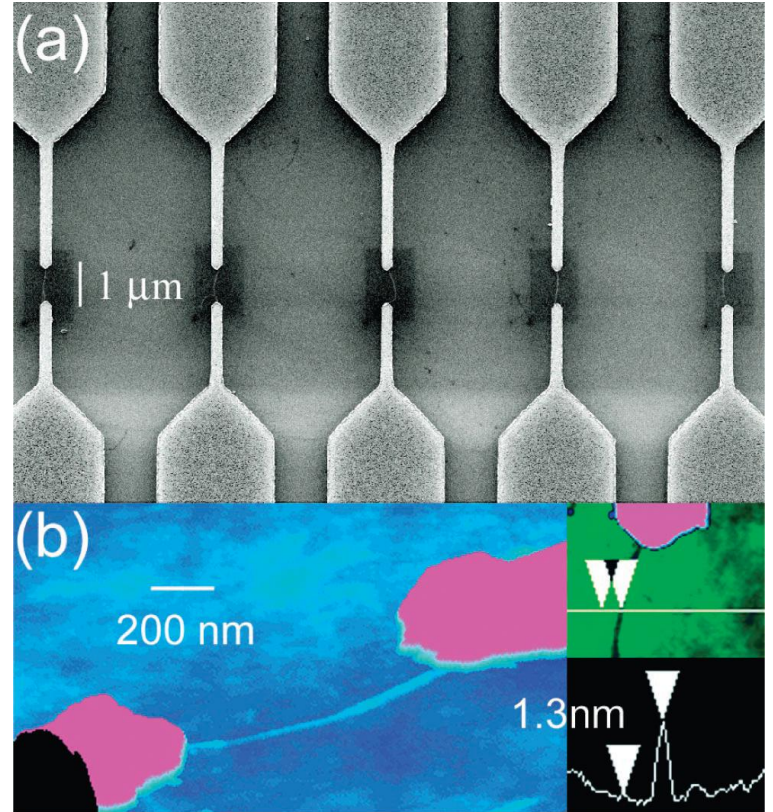
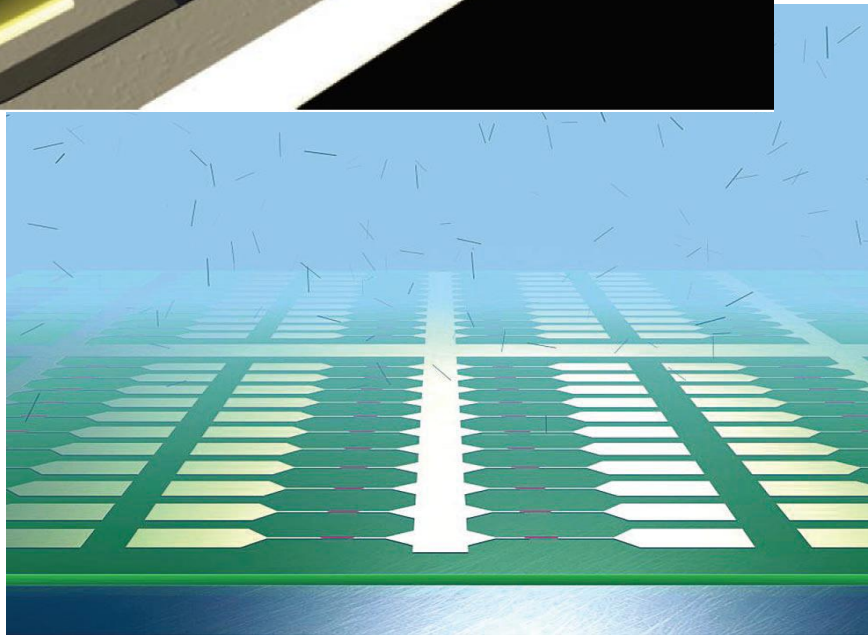
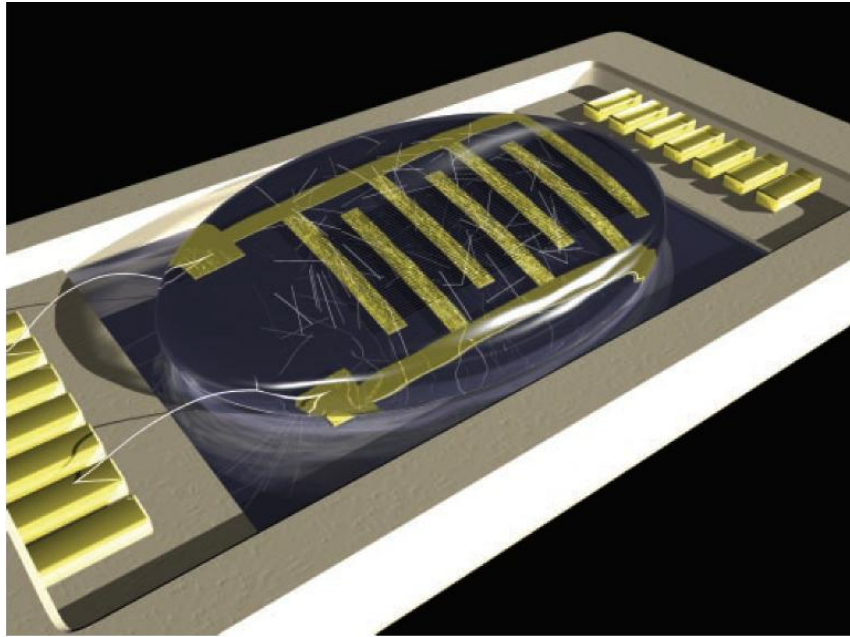
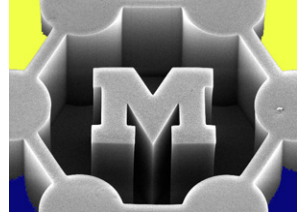
**Figure 7.** Schematic image showing regions where different forces dominate during DEP assembly of nanoparticles into nanogaps at voltages lower (left) and higher (right) than the threshold voltage.

- Motion is diffusive (Brownian) far from gap
- Substrate-particle repulsion dominates at low voltage
- “DEP region” grows and dominates at high voltage

$V = 1.5 \text{ V} \rightarrow 2 \text{ V} \rightarrow 3 \text{ V}$

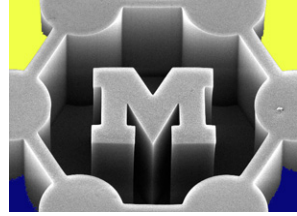


# Dielectrophoresis for positioning CNTs



# Some important considerations

- Alignment
- Registry
- Specificity and strength of interactions
- Defect density
- Process compatibility (chemistry, temperature)



# Generations of Products and Productive Processes

## Timeline for beginning of industrial prototyping and nanotechnology commercialization (2000-2020)

